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$100 Gas Rebate With Strings

GOP bid to ease burden of high prices is linked to drilling

WASHINGTON | Senate Republicans proposed a $100 rebate check for millions of taxpayers Thursday to counter high gasoline costs, but linked the assistance to drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge, assuring the measure would face stiff opposition from most Democrats.

Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee called the proposal "a bold package that will give consumers some relief" from gasoline prices that have passed $3 a gallon in many parts of the country.

But Democrats said the GOP proposal favors big oil companies. "It's designed to protect Big Oil while mistakenly believing that drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will solve America's energy problems," said Jim Manley, a spokesman for Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada. A price-gouging measure in the GOP package focuses on "mom and pop" operators and not the major oil companies, said Manley.

Frist

Democrats were assembling their own package of measures, including a proposal offered by Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., for a 60-day suspension of the 18.4 cent federal gasoline tax and the 24-cent-a-gallon diesel tax. He said it would provide immediate relief of $100 million a day for motorists. (AP)

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Suspense, Speculation as NFL Draft Nears

BEBETO MATHEWS/AP

KIDDING AROUND: Former USC quarterback Matt Leinart, center, cheers with students during a pre-NFL draft event at New York school on Thursday. Leinart and teammate Reggie Bush are likely to be top picks in a draft full of intrigue Saturday. ✤ **High hopes:** Terps' Davis eyes spot in the top 10 | **Page 29**

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Hip-hop star Pitbull sings the Spanish anthem.

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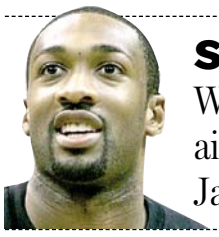

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SNEAKINESS | **The Beer Necessities** Beer lovers will be able to sneak brew into movie theaters, sports games and anywhere else where they want a secret sip of suds, after the "Beerbelly" goes on sale, Sky News reported. The device is

a drinks-pouch that goes under a shirt over the stomach and looks like a beer gut. Wearers can hide four pints of beer inside, using a straw to suck it out. "Most men find that people barely give them a second glance while wearing it," its inventor said. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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SALESMEN

One Heckuva Free Demonstration

A driver who suffered a heart attack and crashed in St. Peters, Mo., was saved by a defibrillator salesman and two nurses who happened to be passing by. The salesman, Steve Earle, was transporting an automated external defibrillator, a device used to shock the heart into a normal rhythm. "When I saw what was happening, I jumped out and instinctively grabbed the AED," Earle said. Two nurses who also stopped when they saw the wreck Friday began performing CPR on the driver, Carolyn Holt. The defibrillator restored her pulse, and Holt is recovering. (AP)

LUCK

A True 'Hail Mary' Play

A Centralia, Ill., tire shop worker who got pinned under a pick-up truck is expected to survive, thanks to the hustle and muscle of members of the city's high school football team. Ed Marsh of Centralia Expert Tire was pinned Saturday when the pick-up fell off a hydrologic jack, officials said. Members of the Centralia High School football team were unloading a truck of tires nearby when they heard a summon for help. They scrambled to Marsh's aid and lifted the truck off of the man. (AP)

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

TAXIDERMY

Ugh, I'm Stuffed

The 200-year-old body of "the Spaniard of Montbrison," preserved by a Parisian taxidermist in the early-19th century, rested in its coffin Wednesday in the Museum of Montbrison in Montbrison, France. Museum officials said the 30-year-old Spanish worker had died in a fall after being hired by an aristocrat to build his mansion. The notable preserved his body for his personal collection of curiosities, from which the museum originated. (EXPRESS)

FORMALNESS

'Jayhawk in a Tuxedo' Is More Appropriate

Apparently, university correspondence is serious business. The University of Kansas has deemed its Jayhawk logo "too fun and informal" to be used on its official letterheads, promotional banners or business cards. Instead, a KU logo will now be used on all official correspondence or promotions, said Paul Carttar, executive vice chancellor for external affairs. "The letters KU represent our nickname," Carttar said. "And the KU gets right to the heart of the matter." The Jayhawk will still be used by the athletic department. (AP)

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In Brief

NEW YORK

18 Granny Peace Brigade Members Found Not Guilty

Eighteen anti-war activists who call themselves the Granny Peace Brigade were acquitted Thursday of disorderly conduct charges stemming from a protest outside a Times Square military recruiting center last fall. Judge Neil Ross said he said the evidence before him showed, ``there was no blockage of pedestrian traffic and anyone who wanted to enter the recruiting center could do so." (AP)

CLEVELAND

Police Shoot, Kill Man After Ohio Airport Altercation

A man who argued with workers at an airport ticket counter grabbed a police officer's gun and shot a patrolman before he was killed by another officer Thursday, authorities said. The patrolman was shot twice in the chest and was in stable condition, authorities said. The shootings at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport followed a disturbance earlier Thursday morning involving the same man in an airport parking garage, city Safety Director Martin Flask said. (AP)

Future of the Shuttle

➜ The shortcomings of the space shuttle's external fuel tank have made the program the hostage of an exasperating, and outdated, piece of hardware. | A Section

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Katrina Report Slams White House

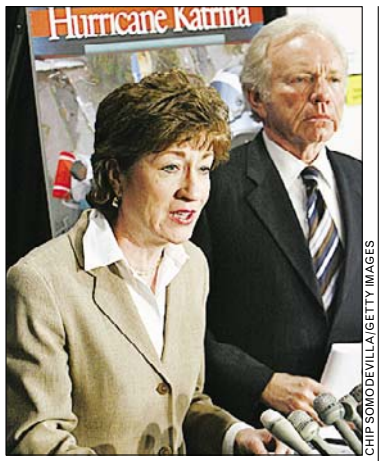
Senate panel calls for dismantling of FEMA, calls Bush 'indifferent'

WASHINGTON | A Senate inquiry into the government's Hurricane Katrina failures ripped the Bush administration anew Thursday and urged the scrapping of the nation's disaster response agency. But with a new hurricane season just weeks away, senators conceded that few if any of their proposals could become reality in time.

The bipartisan investigation into one of the worst natural disasters in the nation's history singled out President Bush and the White House as appearing indifferent to the devastation until two days after the storm hit.

It said the Homeland Security Department either misunderstood federal disaster plans or refused to follow them.

"The suffering that continued in the days and weeks after the storm passed did not happen in a vacuum; instead, it continued longer that it should have because of — and was in some cases exacerbated by — the failure of government at all levels to plan, prepare for and respond aggressively to the storm," concluded the report.



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Susan Collins and Joseph Lieberman announce the panel findings Thursday.

It was titled "Hurricane Katrina: A Nation Still Unprepared."

The Senate inquiry is the third major federal report on the government failures exposed by the Aug. 29 storm, which killed more than 1,300 people and which the Senate says has so far cost the federal government $103 billion.

The report follows similar inquiries by the House and White House and comes in an election year in which Democrats have pointed critically to the administration's Katrina response. LARA JAKES JORDAN (AP)

NEW YORK | CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT WTC SITE

JASON DECROW/AP

BREAKING GROUND: New York Gov. George Pataki, left, and New Jersey Gov. John Corzine tour the construction site that officially opened Thursday at the new Freedom Tower site in the lower Manhattan area of New York.

Judge Won't Dismiss Charges Against Libby

Former White House aide had challenged prosecuter's authority

WASHINGTON | A federal judge refused Thursday to dismiss charges against I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the former top White House aide who was indicted on perjury and obstruction charges last year in the CIA leak scandal.

U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton turned down a motion by lawyers for Vice President Dick Cheney's one-time top assistant, who challenged the authority of Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald to handle the case.

Libby

Libby's lawyers had argued that Fitzgerald was given too much power and that the appointment should have been made by the president with the Senate's approval.

Walton said Thursday he did not need to "look far" in the law to reject the claim by Libby's defense team.

Libby, 55, is charged with perjury and obstruction of justice. (AP)

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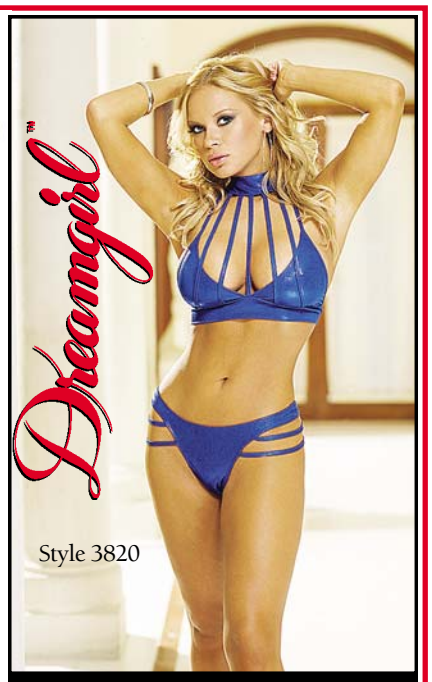

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A Conversation with Klaus Vogel, Director of the German Hygiene Museum in Dresden

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One of the first museums of its kind, the German Hygiene Museum (GHM) was created during the progressiveness of the early 20th century. Swept into Germany's programs for "public health" and "social reform," the GHM became a tool in the racial eugenics movement of the Nazis and later under communism.

This fall the GHM hosts the Holocaust Museum's exhibition *Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race.* Mr. Vogel will discuss why this exhibition is important for Germany today and its particular significance in light of contemporary antisemitism and neo-Nazism.

Go to www.ushmm.org/insights to access INSIGHTStv and INSIGHTStalk.

Free admission. Space will fill quickly; call 202.488.0407 by April 29 to reserve. (TTY 202.488.0406)

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Miner: Rescue Gear Failed

Lone survivor of Sago blast details trapped workers' final hours

BUCKHANNON, W.VA. | Trapped deep below ground by poisonous gases, the Sago miners realized at least four of their air packs did not work, and they were forced to share the devices as they desperately pounded away with a sledgehammer in hopes of getting rescuers' attention, the sole survivor says.

Finally, resigned to their fate, the men recited a "sinner's prayer," scrawled farewell notes to their loved ones, and succumbed, some as if drifting off to sleep.

"As my trapped co-workers lost consciousness one by one, the room grew still and I continued to sit and wait, unable to do much else," Randal McCloy Jr. wrote in a letter dated Wednesday and obtained by The Associated Press.

McCloy

McCloy's two-page typed letter offered the most detailed account yet of what happened in the mine after the Jan. 2 explosion. The blast killed one miner and spread carbon monoxide that slowly asphyxiated 11 other men 260 feet below ground as they waited in the farthest reaches of the mine to be rescued.

The air packs — referred to in the letter as "rescuers" — are intended to give each miner about an hour's worth of oxygen while they escape or find a pocket of clean air. But at least four of the devices did not function, McCloy said.

"There were not enough rescuers to go around," McCloy said.

In a statement, mine owner International Coal Group Inc. said that the miners' air packs were tested by federal investigators. VICKI SMITH (AP)

WILFREDO LEE/AP

VOICING SUPPORT: Puerto Rican singer Carlos Ponce records vocals for a new Spanish-language version of the U.S. national anthem on Wednesday in Miami.

Spanish U.S. Anthem Draws Fierce Backlash

Star-studded version recorded to support immigration rallies

MIAMI | British music producer Adam Kidron says that when he came up with the idea of a Spanish-language version of the U.S. national anthem, he saw it as an ode to the millions of immigrants seeking a better life.

But in the week since Kidron announced the song — which features artists such as Wyclef Jean, hip-hop star Pitbull and Puerto Rican singers Carlos Ponce and Olga Tanon — it has been the target of a fierce backlash.

Some Internet bloggers and others are infuriated by the thought of "The Star-Spangled Banner" sung in a language other than English.

The initial version of "Nuestro Himno," or "Our Anthem," comes out Friday and uses lyrics based closely on the English-language original, said music label head Kidron.

Pro-immigration protests are planned around the country for Monday, and the record label is urging Hispanic radio stations nationwide to play the cut at 7 p.m. EDT Friday in a sign of solidarity. LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ (AP)

GOP Lawmakers Postpone Debate On Ethics Reform

WASHINGTON | House Republicans, divided over how to control special interest spending, struggled Thursday to save a lobbying overhaul bill. At stake was an election-year promise to do something about scandals that have sullied the reputation of Congress.

The 216-207 House vote to advance debate on the bill came after GOP leaders spent hours urging their own members not to abandon them on the measures in the bill to limit earmarks, or special interest projects.

Rules Committee Chairman David Dreier, R-Calif., the main sponsor of the bill, said the bill would add new transparency to lawmaker-lobbyist relations. "What we are doing here today is another indication of our strong commitment to the issue of reform."

Rep. Christopher Shays, one of the Republicans voting against the resolution, disagreed. "We're losing our moral authority to lead this place," he said. (AP)

WHO KNEW? The timing of harvest can determine whether peanut butter is a "roasted peanutty" treat for the taste buds, or a pain in the palate, according to a new study. (AP)

FRUIT LOOT: Talk about a plum job! Thieves stole 150 plum trees from an orchard in eastern Hungary, police said Thursday. The trees — estimated to be worth around $9,500 — were completely uprooted and stealthily spirited away.

World

In Brief

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Police arrest an Egyptian man rallying in support of two reform-minded judges.

CAIRO, EGYPT

Police Clash With Activists Backing Pro-Reform Judges

Police baton-charged protesters outside the Supreme Court on Thursday as two pro-reform judges faced a disciplinary hearing for having accused their colleagues of condoning fraud in last year's parliamentary elections. Police arrested at least 16 protesters Thursday, the demonstration organizers, the Kifaya activist group, said on its Web site. The crowd, which the officer estimated at 2,000 people, chanted anti-government slogans as the judges appeared before the hearing. (AP)

MINSK, BELARUS

Top Opposition Leader Jailed After Protest Rally

Belarus' authoritarian government jailed the country's most prominent opposition leader Thursday after a protest rally that attracted thousands, a move that drew swift international condemnation. Alexander Milinkevich, who has spearheaded the wave of unprecedented protests since President Alexander Lukashenko's re-election last month, was sentenced to 15 days in jail. Other opposition leaders received similar sentences in connection with Wednesday evening's rally. (AP)

Fuel for Thought

➜ As Americans weigh a summer of $3-per-gallon gas, drivers in Britain and much of Europe — where gas prices often double that of the U.S. — look on with resigned jealously. | **Today, A Section**

The Washington Post

Al-Sistani Backs PM's Security Plan

Influential Shiite cleric OKs al-Maliki's bid to disband militias

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The incoming prime minister won the backing Thursday of Iraq's top Shiite cleric for his plan to disband militias, which the U.S. believes is the key to calming sectarian strife and halting the country's slide toward civil war.

But violence flared across a wide area of Iraq on Thursday, as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld departed after two days of talks with Prime Minister-designate Nouri al-Maliki and other officials.

Al-Maliki

In Baghdad, gunmen assassinated the sister of the Sunni vice president a day after he endorsed the use of force to quell Sunni-led insurgents.

The endorsement of al-Maliki's plan came during a meeting in Najaf with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. The ayatollah told al-Maliki, a Shiite tapped last weekend to form a government, that security should be his top priority.

Attempts by previous Iraqi governments to abolish militias have failed, and their numbers have grown, in part because U.S. and Iraqi forces have been unable to guarantee public safety.

In Baghdad, gunmen firing from a speeding car assassinated Mayson al-Hashimi, sister of Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi, as she left her home in a southwestern neighborhood, police said. Her bodyguard was also slain.

Two weeks ago, the vice president's brother, Mahmoud al-Hashimi, was shot and killed while driving in a mostly Shiite area of Baghdad. The brother of another leading Sunni politician, Saleh al-Mutlak, was found dead in Baghdad on April 17 after he was kidnapped. No arrests have been reported in either case. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

ANJAN SUNDARAM/AP

NEW START: Former militia fighters work in a makeshift mine digging for gold in Ika Barrier, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Congo's Ex-Fighters Tire of New Life

Militias see upswing after effort to disarm before critical election

BUNIA, CONGO | A former child militia fighter spends his days tilling a field in war-battered eastern Congo. But he dreams of beating plowshares back into swords.

Serge Palmi, 18, is one of 17,000 who laid down weapons last year as part a government effort to disarm Congo after its 1998-2001 civil war. Officials promised the fighters some cash and skills training, but Palmi says his new life can't compare with looting and fighting.

"We are suffering without money, and if life continues like this, we will return to the bush," says Palmi.

The United Nations' 17,500 peacekeepers are trying to calm this vast central African nation enough for upcoming elections, Congo's first in four decades of strife. The vote is meant to bring lasting peace to a country ravaged by a 32-year dictatorship, rebellions and two wars.

But the U.N. says recruitment by armed groups is on the upswing in eastern Congo, where warlords, rebel leaders and militia factions offer former fighters guns and ammunition — the onramp to a brutal easy street.

The words of Palmi and others underline what aid workers have long averred: Disarmament is relatively easy, lasting peace is hard.

U.N. soldiers say the new militia is growing rapidly ahead of the polls, capturing new territory and winning over ex-comrades who had quit to give cattle and crops a try.

"The situation cannot remain like this, we cannot have elections like this. Something must be done," said U.N. military spokesman Djibril Samassa. ANJAN SUNDARAM (AP)

IAEA Due To Deliver Iran Report

Security Council said to be split on how to handle Tehran's nukes

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | A top Iranian official handed information on his country's nuclear program to the International Atomic Energy Agency Thursday in a last-minute move to temper the tone of a report to the U.N. Security Council.

Deep differences over Iran persisted within the council on the eve of its receiving the report Friday, with Russia and China blocking U.S.-led attempts to demand rather than request that Iran comply.

Russian President Vladimir Putin insisted the U.N. nuclear watchdog should continue to play a central role in the dispute. "It mustn't shrug this role from its shoulders and pass it on to the U.N. Security Council," Putin said.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice suggested that Washington expected the IAEA to offer a negative assessment of Iran's compliance with Security Council requests. And she said the credibility of the council was at stake.

"In order to be credible, the Security Council of course has to act," Rice told reporters at a NATO meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria. (AP)

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Palestinians Face Financial Crunch

Families, businesses get creative to get by without a paycheck

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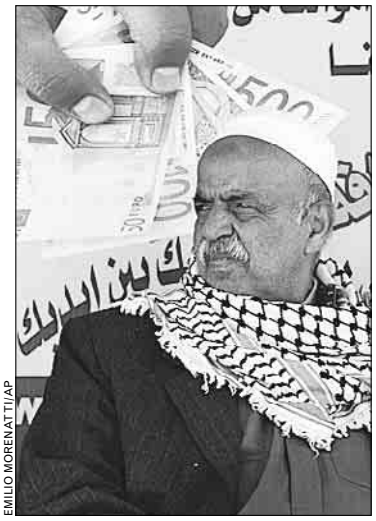
With their salaries weeks overdue and savings depleted, Palestinian families are finding creative ways to survive the Hamas-led government's deepening financial crisis. Even banks and utilities are helping out by allowing customers to overdraw accounts or pay bills late.

"This month, no one paid me," said Kifayeh al-Ashkar, 40, who cleans houses for government workers in Nablus. "The government can't pay the salaries of its workers, and the workers can't pay me."

The financial crunch follows the January legislative election victory of Hamas, an Islamic militant group sworn to Israel's destruction. Western donors who accuse Hamas of supporting terrorism cut off hundreds of millions of dollars in aid, and Israel suspended monthly payments of tax money it collects for the Palestinians.

Without these funds the government is broke and unable to pay its 165,000 salaried workers. No one got paid April 1, and the next pay day is less than a week away.



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Experts warn that a dire economic crisis is looming for the Palestinian people.

Palestinian businesses have eased the pain by extending loans and allowing customers to delay payments. The phone company has given customers an extra month to pay their bills, and small businesses have allowed people to buy on credit.

The feeling of desperation in Gaza is palpable, said Christer Nordahl, deputy director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

He said the agency, which provides food, education and medical services to thousands of families, has experienced a "huge increase" in requests for services. (AP)

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Jury Selection Set for Sniper Trial

Muhammad's second prosecution to rehash murder spree details

ROCKVILLE, MD. | The beat-up Chevrolet Caprice, a hole drilled in the trunk for a gun barrel, is back in Maryland. So is the Bushmaster rifle, fixed with a sniper scope, that authorities believe fired the fatal .223-caliber bullets.

Many witnesses who testified against John Allen Muhammad in his first trial in Virginia are ready to tell their stories again, including some who bear scars from the Bushmaster's bullets. And Muhammad has returned to the Maryland county where the 2002 Washington-area sniper spree began to face another jury.

Jury selection will begin Monday in his second trial, a case that will likely echo the 2003 Virginia case that ended in a death sentence for one of the 10 killings. Yet while much of the evidence and testimony during the expected five-week case will be similar, the new trial could take some unexpected turns.

Muhammad, 45, plans to be his own lawyer despite evidence he may be mentally ill. He wants Lee Boyd Malvo, 21, the other half of the mobile sniper team, to testify. And jurors will hear evidence about two Maryland killings that weren't part of the first trial.

"This trial addresses completely different victims," said Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler, whose office will prosecute Muhammad. "The first trial was about one murder in Virginia. This trial will be about six murders here in Montgomery County."

Gansler was the first to file homicide charges in 2002, but lost the right to try them first to Virginia, which has tougher death penalty laws. He argues his county was home to the most killings and bills the retrials of Muhammad and of Malvo later this year as insurance if their Virginia convictions are overturned.

But there are questions whether the new trial is necessary or worth the cost. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

Leader of Gang Gets 30 Years

Md. man who stabbed a member of a rival group sent to prison

WASHINGTON | A former MS-13 gang leader was sentenced to 30 years in prison Thursday for stabbing a member of a rival Hispanic group.

Juan Carlos Rivas-Moreiera, 25, of Silver Spring, Md., was convicted of assault charges in February in District of Columbia Superior Court, but was acquitted of kidnapping and assault with intent to kill.

His conviction followed two previous trials in 2005 that ended in hung juries.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth Wainstein applauded prosecutors for their persistence. "Their efforts demonstrate our intolerance for those gangsters who seek to wage their turf wars on the streets of our city," Wainstein said.

According to evidence presented in the case, Rivas-Moreiera and two others attacked a member of the rival Mara R gang in May 2001, stabbing him in the heart. (AP)

Trial: DNA May Link Accused to Vendor Victim

WASHINGTON | Testimony is continuing in the trial of a man accused of beating and robbing an elderly street vendor known as "Grandma" near George Washington University.

An FBI crime technician testified today that DNA evidence found on a sock discovered at the crime scene was consistent with samples taken from both the victim and James Dorsey.

Dorsey is charged with armed robbery and assault in the daytime robbery that occurred last May.

The 83-year-old woman was punched and kicked as she tried to pull her cart on a loading dock at her apartment building.

Defense attorneys contend a videotaped confession Dorsey gave to D.C. police investigators was coerced. They say he asked repeatedly to return to his cell for rest during interrogations. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA. | BILL BLOCKERS

STEVE HELBER/AP

ROAD RAGE: Virginia Sen. Walter Stosch, R-Henrico, didn't look too pleased Thursday as he looked over legislation during a meeting of the Finance Committee at the state Capitol. The committee passed several pieces of legislation aimed at breaking a deadlock in transportation funding. Republicans resisted raising taxes to fund new projects.

Deputies to Take Over More Calls

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | Sheriff's deputies in Prince George's County are getting ready to take over domestic violence calls. By the end of the month, the deputies will handle such calls in the Third Police District. That area includes Landover, Seat Pleasant and Forestville.

The county's police department has been handling the calls. But sheriff's deputies serve warrants in domestic violence cases.

Sheriff Michael Jackson said his deputies will be handling all domestic violence calls by July. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, April 27

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-0-9
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	3-3-0
Mid-day DC 4	2-9-3-7
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	7-6-7-5
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	3-7-11-23-35
Daily 6 (Wed.)	5-21-22-28-33-37 (9)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	10-14-27-28-38 (14)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	0-0-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-1-5
Mid-day Pick 4	5-3-2-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-7-4-2
Match 5 (Wed.)	4-10-23-27-34 (5)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	7-9-21-25-28-38

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3	3-0-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-8-9
Mid-day Pick 4	8-9-3-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-3-4-6
Mid-day Cash 5	5-6-15-26-28
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	13-19-25-28-32
Win For Life (Wed.)	12-15-16-22-25-41 (34)

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Powerball (Wed.)	12-24-26-48-55 (14)
Power Play	x4

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Money

STORM BREAK: Florida is giving its shoppers a 12-day break this spring from sales taxes on flashlights, generators and other items they might need for the coming hurricane season. The break is expected to cost the state $34 million in lost tax revenue.

Exxon 1Q Profit Is 5th Highest Ever

Oil company's $8B gain likely to stoke outcry over gas prices

DALLAS | Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's largest oil company, reported Thursday the fifth highest quarterly profit for any public company in history, posting gains from higher oil prices that were likely to stoke the furor over outsized oil company earnings.

Despite the 7 percent gain in earnings to more than $8 billion in the first quarter, Exxon Mobil said its earnings came in below its record fourth-quarter because all three of its business — exploration and production; refining; chemicals — didn't perform as well.

The earnings report comes amid consumer outcry in the U.S. about soaring gasoline prices. The average retail price of gasoline in the U.S. is now $2.91 a gallon, or 68 cents higher than a year ago.

ROB C. ARR/AP

Higher oil prices helped drive Exxon's profits to the fifth highest in history.

In January, Exxon posted the highest quarterly profits of any public company in history: $10.71 billion for the fourth quarter of 2005 and $36.13 billion for the full year.

Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst for Standard & Poor's, said the latest profit figure still places Exxon fifth historically among quarterly earnings. Exxon also holds the first, second and fourth spots; Royal Dutch Shell PLC has the third spot. STEVE QUINN (AP)

Bernanke Hints at End to Rate Hikes

WASHINGTON | Keeping his options open, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke signaled Thursday that after one more interest rate increase the central bank may take a break — perhaps only temporarily — from a rate-raising campaign aimed at keeping inflation at bay.

In his most extensive comments yet on the possible path of monetary policy, Bernanke also suggested that interest rate decisions could become less predictable than they have been as Fed policymakers rely more heavily on barometers of economic activity and inflation.

The Federal Reserve "may decide to take no action at one or more meetings" in the future while waiting for economic information, Bernanke told Congress' Joint Economic Committee at a hearing. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Libbey	12.85	+2.80	+27.9
WolvTub	3.25	+.67	+26.0
FidlNFin	43.50	+8.51	+24.3
DiagPdct	57.81	+9.36	+19.3
Grtbatch	23.92	+3.76	+18.7

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Navteq	42.19	-10.91	-20.5
Aetna s	37.00	-9.43	-20.3
NtwkEq	3.51	-.57	-14.0
JanusCap	20.57	-2.87	-12.2
Tenneco	24.50	-2.95	-10.7

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SpartMot	14.00	+2.72	+24.1
Navigant n	16.16	+2.96	+22.4
InterDig	27.01	+4.56	+20.3
Luminex	15.73	+2.34	+17.5
Vernalis	3.22	+.47	+17.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Forward	6.26	-3.99	-38.9
Tollgrde	11.65	-3.61	-23.7
Data IO	3.43	-1.03	-23.1
eResrch	10.96	-2.78	-20.2
NashF	24.16	-5.97	-19.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.75	7.75
Fed Funds close	4.8125	4.6875
3-month disc	4.66	4.61
2-year	4.90	4.89
10-year	5.07	5.04
30-year	5.17	5.14

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5548	.5602	.5247
Canadian Dollar	1.1227	1.1279	1.2498
European Euro	.7980	.8030	.7729
Japanese Yen	114.08	114.70	105.72
Mexican Peso	11.1235	11.1475	11.0900
Taiwanese Dollar	31.92	32.05	31.43

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+28.02	+11.32	+4.31
+0.25	+0.49	+0.33
11382.51	2344.95	1309.72

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	42.03	+.92	+6.6
Allergan	98.74	+.93	-8.5
AstraZen	55.01	+1.21	+13.2
BarrPhm	59.68	+.27	-4.2
BrMySq	25.27	+.30	+10.0
ForestLab	41.24	+.29	+1.4
Hospira	38.69	+.33	-9.6
IvaxCorp	25.98	...	-17.1
JohnJn	58.65	+.11	-2.4
LillyEli	52.75	+.51	-6.8
Merck	34.60	+.28	+8.8
MylanLab	21.72	+.71	+8.8
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SchergPl	19.26	-.09	-7.6
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Entertainment
Weekend

Hard Look Back

'Flight 93': essential to understand but harrowing to watch

FILM | The sense of dread creeps in long before the plane leaves the ground.

It begins before you see the empty cabin for the first time, see the interior lights being switched on and hear the pilots and flight attendants chatting away as they prepare for yet another seemingly routine day in the sky.

By now, you're entirely too aware of what's going to happen: that hijackers will take over a United Airlines flight as part of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and that the passengers will rush the cockpit and struggle to conquer them right up until the moment the Boeing 757 nose-dives into a Pennsylvania field.

You'll find no melodrama here, no swelling of intrusive, inspirational music as David Alan Basche, the actor playing Todd Beamer, utters the now-famous battle cry, "Let's roll." Just raw, pure, documentary-style filmmaking, with hand-held camera and natural light.

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

AT A LOSS: The relative anonymity of the passengers makes the film more poignant.

Writer-director Paul Greengrass and his team obviously have gone to great lengths in recreating the details of that doomed morning, having spoken with family and friends of the 40 passengers and crew on board and culled through transcripts in an effort to ensure accuracy.

Much of that information comes out not in the air, but on the ground, as air-traffic controllers and military personnel watch with confusion and terror as they lose contact with one plane after another, as green blips representing flights disappear from their monitors. But it ultimately must return to United 93. We don't know who these people are, or their backstories. Then again, their anonymity does keep us at a bit of a distance, but it's also inherent to depicting the frenzy of that day. It's hard not to be moved when watching them call their loved ones to say their final goodbyes.

Greengrass has created the most powerful, important film that no one will want to see. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

A Tough, Alluring Exterior

'Hard Candy' is full of tart surprises and delicious suspense

FILM | A 32-year-old man meets a 14-year-old girl on the Internet.

They chat and flirt online for a few weeks before impetuously agreeing to meet at a coffee house, where they chat and flirt some more. In no time, they're back at his hideaway in the hills for lunchtime screwdrivers and an impromptu photo session.

But who is the predator and who is the prey? The answer changes repeatedly throughout "Hard Candy," the stunningly tense feature debut from music video director David Slade and longtime TV writer Brian Nelson.

LIONS GATE

IS SHE OR ISN'T SHE? Ellen Page turns in an extraordinary performance as a teenage girl involved with an older man in this ambiguous story of manipulation.

"Hard Candy" is not a film for the weak of heart, both for its subject matter and for the sadistic things these characters say and do as they try to manipulate each other. And because it's just the two of them sparring within the confines of a minimalist-chic house, the film exudes the taut, claustrophobic intensity of a stage production. There is nowhere to hide.

What truly causes it to burrow within your psyche, though, are the performances, notably from 19-year-old Canadian actress Ellen Page as unlikely seductress Hayley Stark. She must be coquettish and cruel, sometimes in the same instance. She's in every single scene of a film that is physically and emotionally demanding, and she exhibits astonishing intelligence and confidence.

Patrick Wilson has the less showy of the two roles as fashion photographer Jeff Kohlver, but it's just as complex. He has the difficult task of trying to gain our sympathy while portraying both sexual deviant and victim, and even at the end we still don't know with complete certainty which he is.

That may sound like a surprising reaction, but "Hard Candy" offers surprises at every turn. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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Do you know of any art programs at a museum or gallery that are not necessarily for tourists, just people interested in art?

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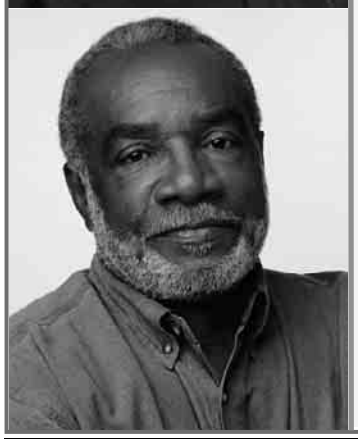

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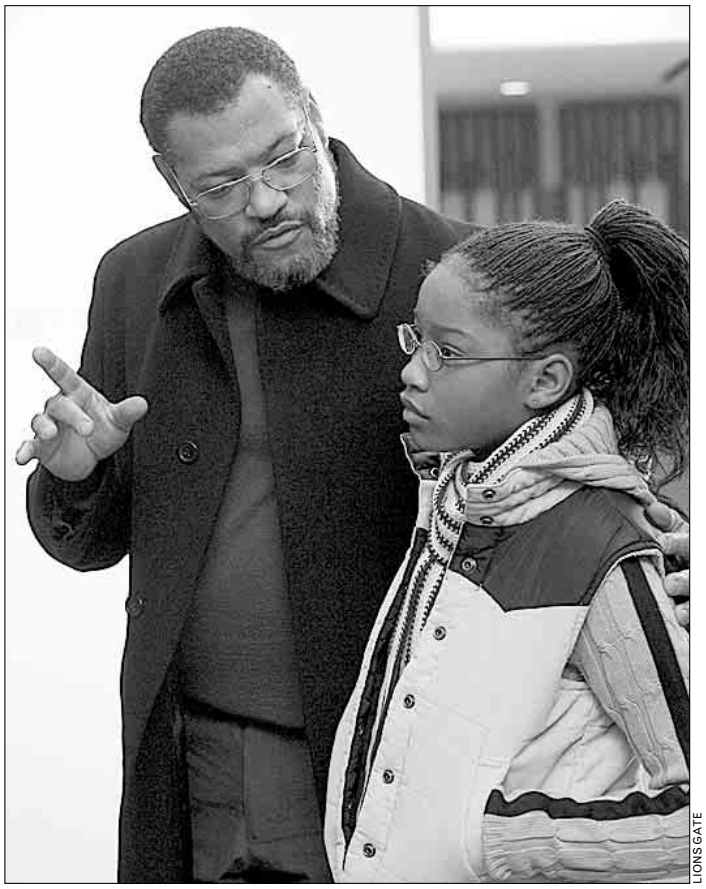

LIONS GATE

NOW SPELL THE MATRIX

A Solid Bee Plus

THE MINI-FLURRY of spelling-bee flicks that started with the wonderful documentary "Spellbound" and the dour drama "Bee Season" continues with "Akeelah and the Bee," the tale of an inner-city black girl who becomes a surprise contender for the national spell-a-thon. Writer-director Doug Atchison found a grand presence for his lead, with Keke Palmer bringing poise, panache, a headstrong spirit and hearty humor to the role. Laurence Fishburne, also a producer on the film, co-stars as the girl's stern but compassionate spelling coach, and Angela Bassett plays her frazzled, skeptical mother. Mainly on the strength of Palmer's peppy performance, the film rises above its contrived sweetness and proves a pleasant-enough tale even if it does embrace and practically squeeze the life out of all the clichés of the underdog formula. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Now Playing

AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG-13, 107 minutes) The sophmorically liberal agenda is unmistakable from the get-go in this tediously facile satire. To drive up the poll numbers of a conservative president (Dennis Quaid), his Svengalian chief of staff (Willem Dafoe) finagles a guest spot for the prez as a judge on a popular TV amateur talent show, run by snotty Brit Martin Tweed (Hugh Grant). (DT)

ATL (PG-13, 105 minutes) This movie takes a paint-by-numbers approach to a coming-of-age tale, set against a crunked-up soundtrack. Despite the melodrama and the often ham-handed directing, it somehow works. A weak script is greatly helped by some strong performances. Leading the way is Atlanta rapper T.I. as Rashad, a high-school senior from the grimmer side of the New South. And no matter how complicated life gets, salvation can always be found Sunday nights at the neighborhood roller skating rink. (TW)

BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R, 110 minutes) Novelist Catherine Tramell (Sharon Stone) is speeding through London with her date, a British footballer. Before you

Now Playing

can say gesundheit, the car is sinking into the Thames, and jock-boy dies. A detective requests a psychotherapist to diagnose her, which is what brings David Morrissey into the picture as Michael Glass. The gist of the movie is watching her insinuate herself into his life. But there's no suspense, and Morrissey is so overmatched by Stone that he hardly registers. (SH)

THE BENCHWARMERS (PG, 90 minutes) David Spade, Rob Schneider and Jon ("Napoleon Dynamite") Heder play three adult losers in Southern California who decide to challenge various bully-loaded Little League teams. Except, of course, they're not all losers; and the movie itself sacrifices much force when it turns out that Schneider's character is an elite athlete. The movie's more peculiar conceit is a kind of tournament in which the three adult men play squads of children. What on earth do the filmmakers think that proves? (SH)

BRICK (R, 110 minutes) Our hero of sorts is Brendan (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), a high schooler who's still holding a candle for Emily, his dead ex-girlfriend. His self-appointed mission: to infiltrate the underworld of his fellow students and find out who's responsible for her death. Writer-director Rian Johnson knows how to fuse the amusing and the edgy, and, in Brendan, he has created an endearing character. Even as you struggle to keep up with its speedy chatter and multi-character complexity, the movie is always entertaining. (DT)

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13, 97 minutes) This movie is one of the best American films in months and the best comedy since I don't know when. Matthew McConaughey plays a 35-year-old boy-man who still lives with his parents. They hire Sarah Jessica Parker, a specialist in emptying nests, to get him to fall in love with her and move out. On this simple, sturdy frame, the writers work all kinds of comic riffs. (SH)

FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R, 88 minutes) It is the great irony of this movie that the character toiling in obscurity as a maid is played by an actress — Jennifer Aniston — who probably makes more moolah than her three castmates (Frances McDormand, Catherine Keener and Joan Cusack) put together. Nothing much happens and even less is resolved in this middling look at midlife angst among three friends with money and husbands and one who has neither. (TW)

ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG, 89 minutes) In this sequel, the happy creatures of the 2002 hit — a sloth named Sid (voice of John Leguizamo), a mammoth named Manny (Ray Romano) and a saber-toothed tiger named Diego (Denis Leary) — realize that the snow's getting softer, the days longer, the sun hotter. They begin a migration to find a kind of ark substitute that will let them ride out the ensuing flood. The animation is first-rate, but the story needs to catch up to the magic. (SH)

INSIDE MAN (R, 129 minutes) A deft, tense, pure thriller, this movie has great star turns and is brilliantly directed by Spike Lee. One morning, a Wall Street bank is taken over by heavily armed robbers. Cops quickly gather, headed by Detective Keith Frazier (Denzel Washington). But just when you think the movie's going to settle down to "Dog Day Afternoon II," it mutates weirdly (the first of several times) with the arrival of Jodie Foster, whose job is to make certain no one discovers what's in a certain safe deposit box. The movie is full of attractive people, smart dialogue, surprises and final satisfaction. (SH)

KINKY BOOTS (PG-13, 107 minutes) Chiwetel Ejiofor is Simon, a cross-dressing cabaret performer. He's getting older and doesn't know what to do with his life. The other half of the formula is Charlie (Joel Edgerton, who has inherited a failing shoe factory and needs a miracle. Simon's urbane world is pitted against Charlie's working-class culture; bigotry squares off against tolerance and so on. Though Ejiofor is charming, he never transcends the movie's pandering. (DT)

L'ENFANT (R, 100 MINUTES) This is a penetrating drama about a young couple living in a gloomy steel town in Belgium. Sonia (Deborah Francois) has given birth and is trying to find the baby's father, Bruno (Jeremie Renier). Unwilling to hold a job, Bruno sees everything as something to sell or steal. When he does the unthinkable and hands the child over to black marketeers, the film becomes a chronicle of a man desperately trying to turn back time. But it concludes on an optimistic note — we're still capable of humanity, if not hope. (AH)

LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R, 110 minutes) Josh Hartnett plays Slevin, a guy who shows up in a buddy's New York apartment, which is the wrong place at exact-

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DREAMZ DO COME IN NINTH AT THE BOX OFFICE: Spot the stereotypes being sent up in Paul Weitz' satire "American Dreamz." There's a secretly canny dumb blond wannabe star; the snarky British host of a TV amateur singing contest, and the potential terrorist with a taste for show tunes. Oh, that last one isn't a stereotype.

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STICK IT ON

Life in Splitsville

"STICK IT" IS A retread of "Bring It On," from the writer of that 2000 Kirsten Dunst comedy, only with gymnastics in place of cheerleading. It trots out a cornucopia of sports-movie cliches. And yet, "Stick It" is way more watchable than it should be, thanks to the presence of Missy Peregrym — a perfect mix of beauty and tomboyish strength. The film feels contemporary but has its own language, which the attitudinal girls use to call each other out and bring each other down. The use of voiceover gets a little overbearing, and the backstory is totally contrived, but tween and teen girls will love it. And regardless of age (or gender), it does make you want to put down the Junior Mints and head to the gym. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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ly the wrong time. Two gangstas arrive, beat him up and haul him before The Boss (Morgan Freeman), who insists that Slevin is Nick, the actual renter of the apartment, who owes him money. Slevin must either pay it back or perform a service: a murder. The movie has a jaunty tone for something so blood-soaked. But there's too much death with no moral import and becomes ultimately meaningless. (SH)

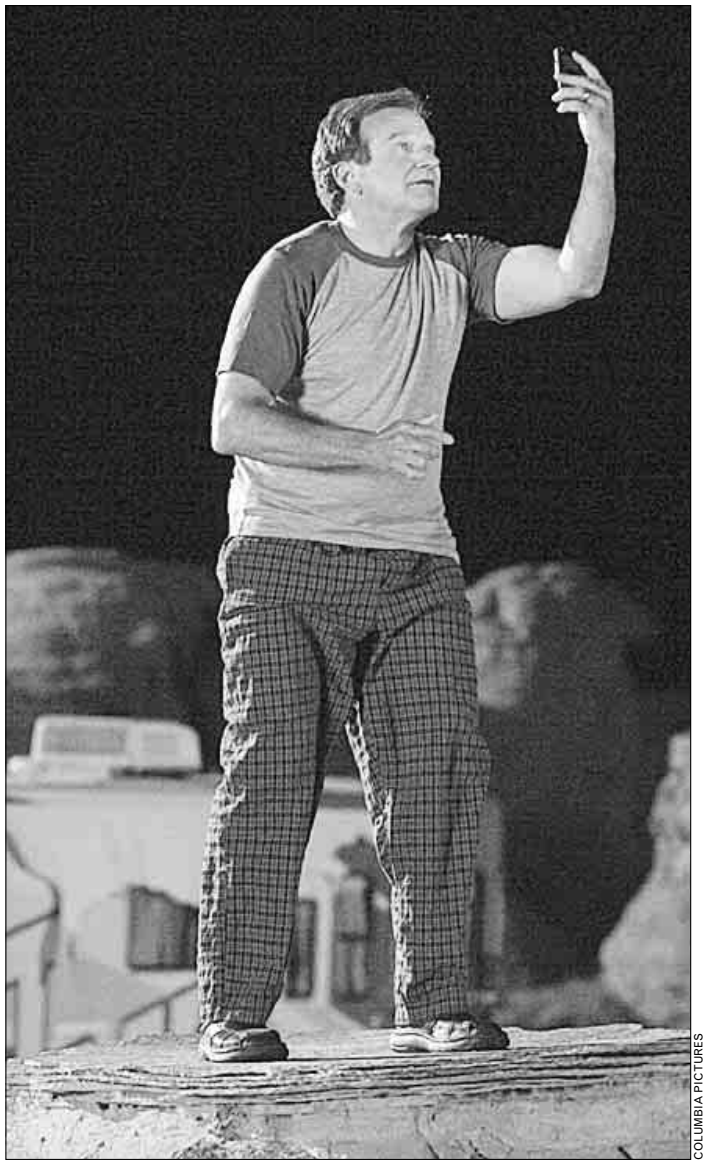
MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG-13, 103 minutes) This movie has a clunky title but an elegant concept: that the fantasy of the fresh start is attainable for all of us. Yes, this is another one of those movies about finding your own soul, and perhaps a soul mate, on the dance floor. But this movie demonstrates that the same old construct can be made thrillingly fresh with the right components. (SARAH KAUFMAN)

THE NOTORIOUS BETTIE PAGE (R, 91 minutes) This film about the pinup queen of the '50s and the showing and selling of female flesh makes the point that no one brutalized Bettie (played by Gretchen Mol) into shedding her threads. She did it to express herself; in fact, the movie becomes magically colorful when she doffs her duds. But it's too bad the story isn't more dramatic; the only desperate moments the movie can conjure are on the day she almost had to testify before the Kefauver Commission. (SH)

ON A CLEAR DAY (PG-13, 99 minutes) Frank Redmond (Peter Mullan) is remote with his wife, Joan (Brenda Blethyn). He can barely exchange two words with his son, and he has just been riffed at the shipbuilding firm where he worked all his life. What is going to lift him out of the dumps? He decides to swim across the English Channel. It's a time-honored rite of passage not only for proving oneself but for putting demons to rest. Sure, you've seen these misery-to-glory cliches before, but with these performers, you don't mind undergoing them again. (AH)

PHAT GIRLZ (PG-13, 99 minutes) This consciousness-raising comedy is admittedly cheesy, but it's still likeable. Mo'Nique plays Jazmin Biltmore, a plus-size department store clerk who longs to be a fashion designer. While on vacation with her best friend, she meets Tunde (Jimmy Jean-Louis), a yummy doctor from Nigeria. It turns out that in Tunde's culture Jazmin's size is considered, as she puts it, "sexy and succulent." The movie isn't great, nor even very good, but it turns some tables badly in need of upending. (AH)

SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13, 83 minutes) This movie may be a No. 4 in official sequence, but it's actually a No .2 in pedigree. That's because the first two films were made by the Wayans, the genius family. But by No. 3, the Wayans DNA had vanished and the direction moved to Jerry Zucker, who basically rumbles and bumbles all over the place here, dipping into this movie or that movie when it amuses him. Combining disparate story lines, of course, leads to unavoidable stupidity. But the movie is funny enough to quickly turn the hands on your watch. (AH)



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ROBIN WILLIAMS' LATEST Hollywood vehicle has its own kitchen, sleeping quarters, luggage compartments and toilet, where the studio should have flushed the script the minute it crawled through the door. "RV," a vacation romp from director Barry Sonnenfeld, offers a few very scattered laughs amid a relentlessly unfunny road trip of bad slapstick, shrieking performances and enough feces gags to make constipation sound like a viable lifestyle. Williams plays a family guy who takes his reluctant wife (Cheryl Hines) and kids (Joanna "JoJo" Levesque and Josh Hutcherson) on an RV trek to Colorado, concealing from them that it's less a vacation than a business trip to hang on to his job. The movie's a toned-down, family-friendly clone of "National Lampoon's Vacation" that's an embarrassment for Williams and Jeff Daniels, who co-stars as a good ol' boy encountered on the road. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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DOANE GEGORY

FOR THE LAST TIME, WHO'S YOUR TAILOR? Michael Douglas, right, stars in "The Sentinel" as an FBI agent who may be in the frame for a presidential assassination. Fortunately, Keifer Sutherland's Jack Bauer, um, "David Breckinridge," is on hand.

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THE SENTINEL (PG-13, 105 minutes) Michael Douglas is Special Agent Pete Garrison with a special agent problem: He's smooching the first lady (Kim Basinger). He not only receives incriminating photos of the two of them, but learns of a conspiracy to assassinate the president and that he's likely going to be framed for it. The movie is a medium-dumb thriller that starts out with promise but gets progressively sillier. (DT)

SILENT HILL (R, 127 minutes) So this mom named Rose (Radha Mitchell) and her husband (Sean Bean) are looking for their daughter Sharon (Jodelle Ferland). They stumble into a foreboding place called Silent Hill, where all manner of weirdos emerge to thwart them. Game fans will appreciate the movie's cool monsterish creations, but the film never turns the video-game parareality into compelling drama. (DT)

TAKE THE LEAD (PG-13, 108 minutes) This movie is based on the true story of Pierre Dulaine, a professional dancer who started a ballroom-dance program in New York City elementary schools. (The story was chronicled inthe charming documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom." This is the Hollywood version, with Antonio Banderas as Dulaine. The movie tries to present a realistic view of the brutal lives and few options of inner-city teenagers, but it's long on flashy dance sequences and short on depth, character and craft. (SARAH KAUFMAN)

THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R, 92 minutes) As a lobbyist for the tobacco indus-

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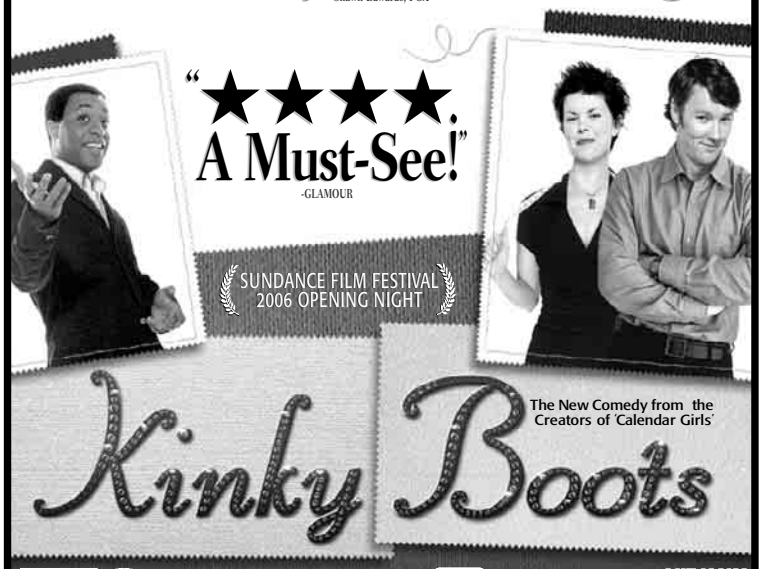

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try, Nick Naylor (Aaron Eckhart) realizes that disingenuousness is a moral survival strategy: Don't think of cigarettes as a health hazard, Nick says, consider them a symbol of America's right to choose. Watching Nick get away with murder is the fun of this adaptation of Christopher Buckley's 1994 novel. But as a satire on Tobacco Inc.'s ability to market carbon monoxide as the elixir of life, this movie should be packing more nicotine. (DT)

TSOTSI (R, 94 minutes) This South African movie, which won Best Foreign Language Film at the Oscars, is a mixture of thrilling documentary-style realism and Hollywood hokum. It follows Tsotsi (Presley Chweneyagae), a thug. His life takes an unexpected turn when he steals a BMW with a 3-month-old baby in the back. As Tsotsi, Chweneyagae turns his face into a living battle mask, but as the story unfolds, his mask begins to crack and his humanity begins to flow through. (DT)

V FOR VENDETTA (R, 132 minutes) Hugo Weaving is a revolutionary dedicated to tearing down the state, but he looks like a guy in a comic book. (Wait, he was.) That ruins the audience's ability to connect with his lonely mission, so the film front-loads the regime he despises to make up in hatred what it can't create in empathy. The film is pulp claptrap; it has no insights into totalitarian psychology and always settles for the cheesiest kinds of demagoguery and harangue as its emblems of evil. (SH)

WHY WE FIGHT (PG-13, 98 minutes) Of all the recent incendiary, left-wing, anti-Bush screeds, Eugene Jarecki's is probably the best. Jarecki isn't just a polemicist, he's also a filmmaker. The argument is that America is foolish and knavish in that it depends on a war economy and that the secret purpose of its foreign policy is to find enemies to justify huge military spending. (SH)

THE WILD (G, 85 minutes) Samson the lion (voiced by Kiefer Sutherland) has just regaled his cub son, Ryan (Greg Cipes), with another tale of his brave exploits in the wild, before he was captured and put in the zoo. Feeling inadequate, Ryan slips into a storage container that appears bound for the real wilderness. When Samson hears Ryan's cries, he recruits his zoo pals to give chase, and their rescue mission takes them across the seas. The adult jokes in this movie are welcome, but the too-cool-for-school humor carries on incessantly and relentlessly. (SH)

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It sure is hard to sit down in those hallowed halls when he gets to. The Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra gives Afrobeat a modern twist with a multicultural band and a Spanish name, but the members are sticklers for an authentic Afrobeat sound and the associated progressive politics. The name translates to "anti-bullets" or "bulletproof." We expect Antibalas to be moving minds and behinds at the **9:30 CLUB** tonight.

We'll be honest: When we go to the **EIGHTEENTH STREET LOUNGE**, it's usually to see a specific DJ. Tonight, though, we're looking forward to hitting the lounge for some live rock and jazz and — gasp — $4 drinks. It's a fundraiser for the Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts, an organization that exposes children to music, dance and writing, and the Future of Music Coalition. Performing are singer-pianist Laura Burhenn, singer-songwriter Taylor Carson and the Spectrum Jazz Trio. Doors open at 6 and there's a $20 cover. You can RSVP at happyhourcharities.com.

SATURDAY

ZANZIBAR hosts local group the Qleenkut Band as a part of a celebration for Sierra Leone's independence. Qleenkut agilely melds multiple styles of West African popular music with those of the Caribbean to get the party bouncing.

Christian indie rock has become quite the boom industry. Sufjan Stevens, the Castanets, Half-Handed Cloud and the Danielson Famile aren't household names, but all have gained many fans, including plenty who aren't necessarily devoted to the Lord. Add Baltimore's Page France to that list. There's a pastoral, orchestral indie-folk vibe in the group's music, along with a childlike whimsy. It opens for John Vanderslice at **IOTA**.

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SUNDAY

If you're a fan of Dischord Records, then you're a fan of Don Zientara, even if you don't know it. Zientara is the man who founded the legendary Inner Ear Studios in Arlington, where he engineered albums by bands like Minor Threat, Bikini Kill, Q and Not U, Fugazi, Dismemberment Plan, Tsunami ... we could go on all day, really. His own work, on tap tonight at **GALAXY HUT**, consists of very hushed, introspective voice and guitar compositions. And speaking of Fugazi, bassist Joe Lally opens the proceedings.

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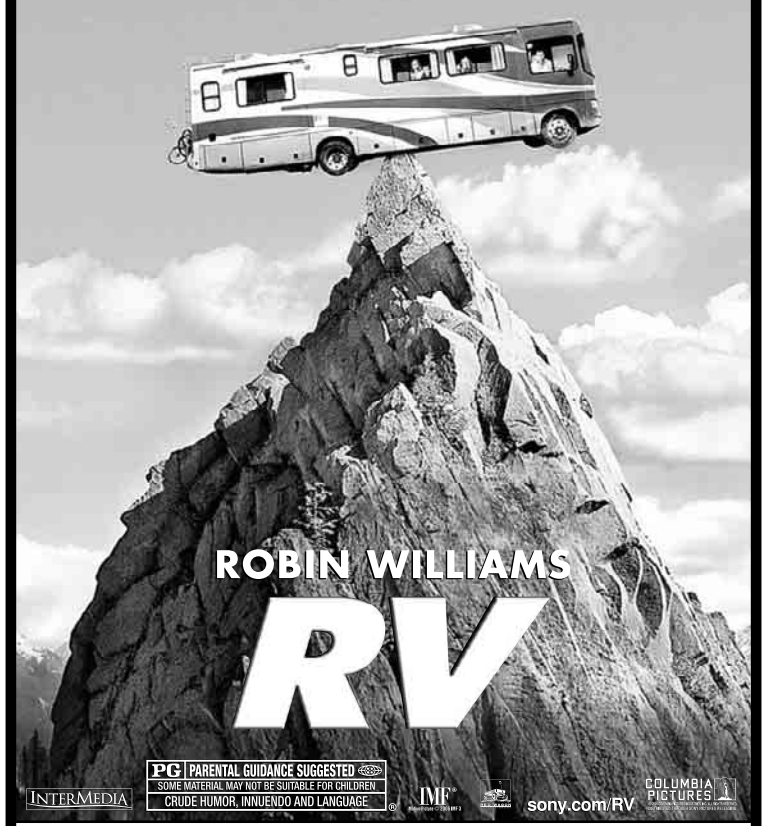

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RV (PG) DIG (1150 220 450) 720 950
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THE SENTINEL (PG-13) DIG (1145 155 225 435 505) 715 745 955 1025
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ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) DIG (1210 235 505) 730 950 1215
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SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) DIG (110 320 530) 750 1000
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STICK IT (PG-13) DIG (130 420) 745 1030
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STICK IT (PG-13) DIG (100 345) 745 1020
RV (PG) DIG (1145 205 425) 740 1005
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TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:55, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35
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ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:45, 1:20, 3:00, 3:40, 5:25, 5:55, 8:20, 10:40
INSIDE MAN (R) 12:55, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 2:05, 4:25, 6:55, 9:30, 12:00
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 12:05, 5:30, 11:05
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 3:05, 8:30

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 1:00, 4:20, 7:00, 10:00
RV (PG) 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
STICK IT (PG13) 1:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
UNITED 93 (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
THE SENTINEL (PG13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
SILENT HILL (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:20, 8:00, 10:15
THE WILD (G) 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 9:30
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 1:50, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 1:30, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) Ⓓ CC 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441 821

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) ✓ 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40
RV (PG) ✓ 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, 12:10
UNITED 93 (R) ✓ 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20
AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45, 12:15
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) ✓ 12:45, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50, 12:05
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, 12:10
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:35, 7:30, 10:35
KINKY BOOTS (PG13) ✓ 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:45
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:50, 4:05, 6:15, 8:20, 10:30
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) CC 1:50, 4:05, 6:15, 8:20, 10:30
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:10, 4:55, 10:25
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:15, 4:30, 6:50, 9:15
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:25
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:50, 2:00, 3:00, 4:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:20, 10:15, 11:45

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6
4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-244-0882 714

RV (PG) 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30
STICK IT (PG13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40
UNITED 93 (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
THE WILD (G) 1:55, 4:10, 6:50, 9:00
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:45
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:00

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05
AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
THE SENTINEL (PG13) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
INSIDE MAN (R) 3:00, 7:00, 10:00

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

RV (PG) ✓ 12:20, 1:50, 3:00, 4:25, 5:35, 7:00, 8:15, 9:25, 10:45
STICK IT (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 2:45, 5:15, 8:05, 10:40
UNITED 93 (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25
AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) ✓ 12:35, 1:55, 3:10, 4:30, 5:40, 7:15, 8:20, 10:00, 11:00
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) ✓ 1:10, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:20
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:35, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 12:45, 2:00, 3:55, 4:55, 7:10, 8:00, 10:05, 10:55
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 12:10, 1:30, 2:40, 3:45, 5:00, 5:55, 7:30, 8:25, 9:45, 10:50
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) CC 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
THE WILD (G) 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:40, 4:45, 7:50, 10:30
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:30, 2:15, 2:55, 4:50, 5:25, 7:25, 9:40
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 7:45, 10:10

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) ✓ 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
RV (PG) ✓ 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
UNITED 93 (R) ✓ 4:15, 7:25, 10:20
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 5:00, 7:40, 10:30
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 4:20, 7:10, 10:15
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 4:10, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40
THE WILD (G) 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
ATL (PG13) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 5:25, 7:50, 10:10

AMC UNION STATION 9
Located at Union Station
703-998-4AMC

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) ✓ 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
RV (PG) ✓ 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
STICK IT (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
UNITED 93 (R) ✓ 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
THE WILD (G) 1:40, 4:05, 6:45, 9:00
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

RV (PG) ✓ 4:50, 7:40, 9:45
UNITED 93 (R) ✓ 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 4:40, 7:10, 9:55
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 5:00, 8:00, 10:05
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 5:10, 7:50, 10:05

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
RV (PG) 12:05, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00
UNITED 93 (R) 1:50, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35
THE SENTINEL (PG13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45
SILENT HILL (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25
PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG13) 12:40, 5:40, 10:40
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20
THE WILD (G) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:50
ATL (PG13) 3:10, 8:10
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) CC 12:00, 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) 1:10, 3:40, 7:50, 10:00
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) 1:30, 3:30, 7:40, 9:50
HARD CANDY (R) 1:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
ON A CLEAR DAY (PG13) 2:00, 7:30
MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG13) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
L'ENFANT (R) 1:00, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00
TSOTSI (R) 4:20, 9:50

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
202-872-9555 711

KINKY BOOTS (PG13) 12:50, 3:15, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG13) 2:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
L'ENFANT (R) 2:30, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 5:00, 10:25
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 2:00, 7:30
CAPOTE (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) ✓ 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:05, 10:45
RV (PG) ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
STICK IT (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20
UNITED 93 (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) 12:25, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:25
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 1:40, 3:00, 4:15, 5:45, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:10
THE SENTINEL (PG13) Ⓓ CC ✓ 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 12:10, 1:25, 2:55, 4:25, 5:50, 7:20, 8:45, 10:10, 11:30
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 12:15, 2:25, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, 11:25
THE WILD (G) 12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:30, 4:35, 7:25, 10:25
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
RV (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
STICK IT (PG13) 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
UNITED 93 (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05
AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:10
THE SENTINEL (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
SILENT HILL (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:20
SILENT HILL (R) CC 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:20
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:05, 9:10
THE WILD (G) 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:15, 10:40
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 1:20, 3:30, 5:50, 8:25, 10:35
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 4:55, 10:25
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:00
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:50, 7:35
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

RV (PG) ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) ✓ 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:25
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
THE WILD (G) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45
INSIDE MAN (R) 12:00, 1:15, 2:50, 4:00, 5:40, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00

LOEWS WHEATON PLAZA 11
Viers Mill Rd. Btwn. Georgia & University
901-949-9202 746

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) ✓ 4:15, 7:20, 9:45
RV (PG) ✓ 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
RV (PG) CC ✓ 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
STICK IT (PG13) ✓ 4:25, 7:30, 9:50
UNITED 93 (R) ✓ 4:20, 7:00, 10:00
THE SENTINEL (PG13) ✓ 4:30, 7:05, 9:35
SILENT HILL (R) ✓ 4:35, 7:10, 10:10
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 4:10, 7:15, 9:20
THE WILD (G) 4:40, 8:00, 10:05
THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 4:10, 7:30, 9:30
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 5:15, 7:40, 9:55
INSIDE MAN (R) 4:05, 7:00, 10:00

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG13) 7:05, 9:55
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:20, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 7:00, 9:45
BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R) 1:50, 4:55, 7:40, 10:05
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:10, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 1:45, 4:15
AQUAMARINE (PG) 1:30, 4:05

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
202-966-5400 713

SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG13) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

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AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 4:35, 7:15, 9:30
THE SENTINEL (PG-13) 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 5:10, 7:10, 9:20

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***AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG)** 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:15 7:00, 9:15, 9:55
***UNITED 93 (R)** 12:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
***RV (PG)** 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30
***STICK IT (PG-13)** 12:30, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45
***SILENT HILL (R)** 12:35, 2:00, 3:45, 5:30 6:55, 8:40, 10:00
***THE SENTINEL (PG-13)** 12:10, 1:45, 2:55, 4:50 7:20, 8:30, 10:05
***AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG-13)** 12:20, 3:25, 7:10, 9:50
***FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R)** 1:20, 4:40, 7:45, 10:20
PREACHING TO THE CHOIR (PG-13) 1:05, 6:50
THE WILD (G) 12:40, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 8:20, 9:45, 10:35
PHAT GIRLZ (PG-13) 1:30, 6:45
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 12:50, 4:25, 7:40, 10:25
TAKE THE LEAD (PG-13) 12:55, 4:20, 7:25, 10:10
BENCHWARMERS (PG-13) 1:10, 4:05, 6:40, 9:20
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) 3:55, 9:30

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AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) (!) 1:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
RV (PG) (!) 1:20, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
UNITED 93 (R) (!) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 10:20
THE SENTINEL (PG-13) (!) 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
SILENT HILL (R) (!) 1:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:25
THE WILD (G) 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) (!) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30
TAKE THE LEAD (PG-13) 9:45
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50

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TSOTSI (R) 2:05, 4:25, 7:35, 9:55
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 2:15, 4:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30, 10:05
HARD CANDY (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 9:45
MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT (NR) 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35
AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG-13) 1:55, 4:35, 7:25, 9:50
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) 2:00, 2:30, 4:55, 7:10, 7:45, 10:00
KINKY BOOTS (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

MARLOW 6 THEATRES
Temple Hills, Md. 301-316-1031
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RV (PG) 12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) 12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, 10:15
SILENT HILL (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG) 12:00, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:25, 2:35, 5:00, 7:15, 9:20
THE WILD (G) 12:40, 2:40, 4:40, 6:40
PHAT GIRLZ (PG-13) 9:00

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THE WILD (G) 1:00, 3:10, 5:00, 7:10, 9:15
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:25

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CHARLIE'S PARTY (NR) 11:50, 3:25, 5:00, 8:20, 10:00
FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R) 12:15, 2:10, 4:20, 7:40, 9:45
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:00, 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
L'ENFANT (R) 1:30, 6:30
MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG-13) 7:00, 9:15

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***UNITED 93 (R)** 1:30, 4:25, 7:10, 10:00
***AKEELAH AND THE BEE (PG)** 1:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
***STICK IT (PG-13)** 11:55, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
***AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG-13)** 2:00, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05
***THE SENTINEL (PG-13)** 12:50, 3:30, 7:00, 9:40
***SILENT HILL (R)** 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15
***FRIENDS WITH MONEY (R)** 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55
SCARY MOVIE 4 (PG-13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:05, 7:15, 9:35
***THE WILD (G)** 12:00, 2:05, 4:15, 6:30, 8:50
TAKE THE LEAD (PG-13) 12:45, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 4:40, 10:20
BENCHWARMERS (PG-13) 12:35, 2:50, 4:55, 7:05, 9:25
ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 11:50, 2:20, 4:35, 6:45, 9:00
INSIDE MAN (R) 12:55, 3:50, 6:55
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THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 11:45, 12:15, 2:10, 4:45 7:15, 9:30, 10:00
THE NOTORIOUS BETTIE PAGE (NR) 12:10, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
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Television

'LOST' — ALL YOUR TIME: ABC is giving obsessive freaks — uh, fans — a new way to experience "Lost." In summer, ABC will roll out an interactive game called "Lost Experience" that will involve e-mail, cell phones, TV ads, billboards, Web sites and your very eyeballs.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

HE'S NOT HIP, BUT HE'S CUTE

Proof that "reality" television has replaced or perhaps surpassed old-fashioned soap operas can be found on **OH BABY, NOW WHAT?** (10 p.m., A&E). The documentary follows a group of twentysomething friends and acquaintances about to have their lives transformed by the arrival of a tiny new acquaintance.

TOPS OF THE SOAP DISH

Fans of nonreality soap operas should tune into **THE 33RD ANNUAL DAYTIME EMMY AWARDS** (8 p.m., ABC). The three-hour extravaganza reunites "Dancing With the Stars" host Tom Bergeron with that show's first champion, Kelly Monaco.

CULT CHOICE

A woman (Debra Winger) survives a near-fatal illness only to lose a daughter to school violence in the 2005 made-for-TV drama **DAWN ANNA** (8 p.m., Lifetime Movie Network).

ANIMATED 'SNL'

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (Sat., 11:30 p.m., NBC) dispenses with much of its human cast to present "Best of Saturday TV Funhouse." The cartoon characters Ace and Gary of the "Ambiguously Gay Duo" (voiced by Stephen Colbert and Steve Carell) fame will "host" the show, consisting of repeats of animated clips from writer Robert Smigel.

A&E

'OH BABY, GOOD NIGHT': Brad and bouncing boy have a lot in common.

CAN WE HAVE ONE?

True to its title, **DREAM HOME GIVEAWAY** (Sat., 8 p.m., HGTV) will bestow a house on a lucky contestant. The grand prize is a house with an announced price tag exceeding $2 million. Look for at least 53 million product placements and plugs for hardware stores and gadgets.

IT'S ALWAYS THE QUIET TOWNS

Tom Selleck returns in **JESSE STONE: DEATH IN PARADISE** (Sun., 9 p.m., CBS). Selleck stars as a cop whose bitter divorce and battle with the bottle got him thrown off the Los Angeles force. He's taken a job as sheriff in the small New England town of Paradise as an act of penance and redemption. Paradise is small enough to provide for quaint soap-opera dynamics and close enough to Boston and its big-city problems, particularly crime of the organized variety.

LOSING LIONS

The king of the jungle may be losing his realm. **NATURE** presents "The Vanishing Lions" (Sun., 8 p.m., PBS), a documentary look at new efforts to help people and lions co-exist before extinction threatens these regal beasts.

THIS MAKES SO LITTLE SENSE THAT IT MAKES SENSE

Chastity Bono hosts **SELL THIS HOUSE!** (Sun., 6:30 p.m., A&E), a new series that helps owners prepare their homes for a challenging real-estate market.

THAT MEANS LEO'S REALLY GONE, DOESN'T IT?

THE WEST WING (Sun., 8 p.m., NBC) Santos looks for a new vice president.

SIMIAN IN CHIEF

Thomas Gibson stars in the 2001 miniseries **THE MONKEY KING** (Sat., 7 p.m., Sci Fi), produced by special-effects masters Robert Halmi and Robert Halmi Jr.

CBS

SET IN 'STONE': "So you say you've never seen this Twizzler before?"

A HOT VET FOR A HOT DOC

Chris O'Donnell guest stars on Grey's Anatomy (Sun., 10 p.m., ABC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

4.28.06		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News [cc]		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (N) [cc]		Las Vegas "Chaos Theory" (N) [cc]		Conviction "The Wall" (N) [cc]		News [cc]	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld [cc]	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld [cc]	★★ "Austin Powers in Goldmember" (2002) Mike Myers. Premiere. [cc]				News		Geraldo at Large	Friends [cc]
	WJLA 7	News [cc]	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The 33rd Annual Daytime Emmy Awards Festivities at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre salute daytime TV. (S Live) [cc]						News [cc]	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News [cc]	CBS News	9 News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ghost Whisperer "Free Fall" (N)		Close to Home (N) [cc]		NUMB3RS "Rampage" (iTV) (N) [cc]		News [cc]	Late Show
	WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends [cc]	Every-Raymond	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at St. Louis Cardinals. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (Live)						The Tyra Banks Show (N) [cc]	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) [cc]	Save Our Land, Save Our Towns		Artists of the Chesapeake		Soundstage "The Wallflowers"	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	Inside Wash.	NOW (N) [cc]	Masterpiece Theatre "Bleak House" (Part 6 of 6) [cc] (DVS)				Legends of Jaz
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Evening Exch	To the Contrary	History Detectives [cc]		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) [cc]	
	WBDC 50	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	Survival of the Richest (N) [cc]		Reba (N) [cc]	Modern Men	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace
BASIC CABLE	A&E	American Justice		American Justice "Deadly Magnolia"		Biography "Dolly Parton" Singer Dolly Parton. (N) [cc]				Oh Baby...Now What? Unexpected pregnancy. (N) [cc]			
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries [cc]		Pet Star [cc]		The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)		Amazing Animal Videos [cc]		Animal Cops Houston [cc]		Pet Star [cc]	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Laurence Fishburne. (N)			College Hill [cc]	"Flip the Script" (2005) Robin Givens, Miguel A. Núñez Jr. Premiere. [cc]				Comicview Denny Live. [cc]		Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
	Bravo	Real Housewives of Orange County		Inside the Actors Studio		★★★ "Frequency" (2000, Fantasy) Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel, Andre Braugher. Premiere.					★★★ "Frequency" (2000) Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel.		
	Comedy	★★ "King Ralph" (1991, Comedy) John Goodman, Peter O'Toole. [cc]				Daily Show	Colbert Report	Stand Up Nation With Greg Giraldo Peter Berman; Becky Pedigo. [cc]					South Park [cc]
	Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops [cc]	Cops [cc]	The Investigators		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	LA Forensics (N)	Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege &	
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made (N)	Oil, Sweat and Rigs [cc]		Deadliest Catch "Friends and Rivals"		Science of Survival "Shark Survivor"		Mt. Everest: Death Mountain [cc]		Oil, Sweat and Rigs [cc]	
	DISCH	Paramedics "A Sinister Turn" [cc]		Trauma: Life in the ER [cc]		Trauma: Life in the ER [cc]		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Skeleton Stories "Groundswell"		Trauma: Life in the ER [cc]	
	Disney	That's So Raven	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	That's So Raven	★★ "Mulan II" (2004) Voices of Ming-Na, B.D. Wong.			American Drgn	Phil of the Future	Even Stevens	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
	E!	10 Ways	The Simple Life	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	H'wood Awrd	Celeb Friends	The Simple Life	The Simple Life	The Soup (N)	Handler Show	Saturday Night Live [cc]	
	FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Thief "Flight" [cc]	
	HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Get Color (N)	Design Remix (N)	Double Take (N)	FreeStyle (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Debbie Travis' Facelift	
	Family	7th Heaven "The Long Bad Summer"		7th Heaven "An Early Fall" [cc]		★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children. [cc]						The 700 Club [cc]	
	History	Dead Reckoning "Invisible Clues"		Modern Marvels: Las Vegas Hotels		Zero Hour [cc]		Grounded on 9/11 [cc]		Modern Marvels: Paint [cc]		Mega Movers "Oil Machines" [cc]	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Cheerleader Nation (N) [cc]		Cheerleader Nation [cc]		"More Sex & the Single Mom" (2005, Drama) Gail O'Grady, Grant Show. [cc]				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	Yo Momma	Yo Momma	ADD Videos	Parental Control	Parental Control	Yo Momma	Yo Momma	Yo Momma	The Real World	The Real World	Tiara Girls	Tiara Girls
	NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	SpongeBob	Catscratch	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Full House [cc]	Fresh Prince	Mad About You	The Cosby Show
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Serpents' Venom"		John Doe "Psychic Connection"		Stargate SG-1 Teal'c disappears.		Doctor Who "Father's Day" (N) [cc]		Stargate Atlantis [cc]		Stargate SG-1 Teal'c disappears.	
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos [cc]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		The Shield "Carnivores" [cc]		The Shield "Two Days of Blood".	
	TBS	Seinfeld [cc]	Seinfeld [cc]	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends [cc]	Friends [cc]	★★ "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. [cc]				(:10) ★ "Boat Trip" (2003) [cc]	
	TLC	Martha Actor Tom Selleck. (N) [cc]		10 Years Younger Wedding day.		What Not to Wear "Kelly" [cc]		What Not to Wear "Kathyrn K." (N)		Honey We're Killing the Kids [cc]		What Not to Wear "Kelly" [cc]	
	TNT	Charmed "Sand Francisco Dreamin'"		Law & Order "License to Kill"		Law & Order "Oxymoron"		Law & Order "Under God"		Law & Order "Judge Dread"		Without a Trace [cc]	
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent [cc]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [cc]		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Monk "Mr. Monk and Mrs. Monk"		House "Role Model" [cc]	
	VH1	Top 20 Countdown (N)				40 Greatest Reality Show Moments Memorable reality occurrences.				Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Web Junk 20	Celebrity Eye
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) [cc]			NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. First Round Game 3 -- Wizards at Cavaliers					NBA Basketball: First Round -- Suns at Lakers		
	ESPN2	Paintball	Around the Horn	Interruption	Kickboxing	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) [cc]				NBA Basketball: Western Conf. First Round Game 3 -- Spurs at Kings			
	CSN	Baseball Report	SportsNite (Live) [cc]		SportsNite [cc]	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. First Round Game 3 -- Wizards at Cavaliers					Wizards Post.	SportsNite [cc]	
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight [cc]		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now [cc]		Larry King Live The film "United 93."		Anderson Cooper 360 [cc]			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) [cc]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) [cc]		Hannity & Colmes (Live) [cc]		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball [cc]		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates Miami prisons.	
MOVIES	AMC	(4:15) ★★★★ "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando. 'R' [cc]				★★★★ "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. Michael Corleone moves his father's crime family to Las Vegas. 'R' [cc]							
	TCM	(5:45) ★★ "This Side of Heaven"		Some of the Best		★★★★ "Cinema Paradiso" (1988, Drama) Salvatore Cascio. Premiere. 'PG'				(:15) ★★★★ "The Graduate" (1967, Comedy) Dustin Hoffman. 'PG'.			
	HBO	(:15) ★★ "Eight Legged Freaks" (2002) David Arquette. 'PG-13' [cc]				★★ "Meet the Fockers" (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro. 'PG-13' [cc]				The Sopranos "Luxury Lounge"		Real Time (S Live) [cc]	
	MAX	(5:30) ★★★★ "Million Dollar Baby" (2004) 'PG-13' [cc]			(:45) ★★★ "Presumed Innocent" (1990, Drama) Harrison Ford, Brian Dennehy. 'R' [cc]					★★★ "Clear and Present Danger" (1994) Harrison Ford. 'PG-13' [cc]			
	SHOW	"National Lampoon-Weapn"		★★★ "Crash" (2004, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle. iTV. 'R' [cc]				Weeds (iTV)	Weeds (iTV)	HUFF (iTV) Huff meets a kindred spirit.		Boxing: Peterson vs. Strode.	
	TMC	Hollywood North	★★ "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights" (2004) Diego Luna.			★★ "Godsend" (2004) Greg Kinnear. A scientist clones a couple's dead son.				★★ "Dead End" (2003, Horror) Ray Wise. 'R' [cc]			Jackie Chan
	STARZ!	(5:05) ★★★ "Rudy" (1993) 'PG' [cc]		(:05) ★★ "A Lot Like Love" (2005) Ashton Kutcher. 'PG-13' [cc]				★★ "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. 'PG' [cc]				(:15) ★★ "Ladder 49" (2004) 'PG-13'.	
	ENCORE	(:05) ★★★ "Ghostbusters" (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray. 'PG' [cc]				★★ "The Bodyguard" (1992, Suspense) Kevin Costner. 'R' [cc]				(:15) ★★★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004, Horror) Sarah Polley. 'R' [cc]			

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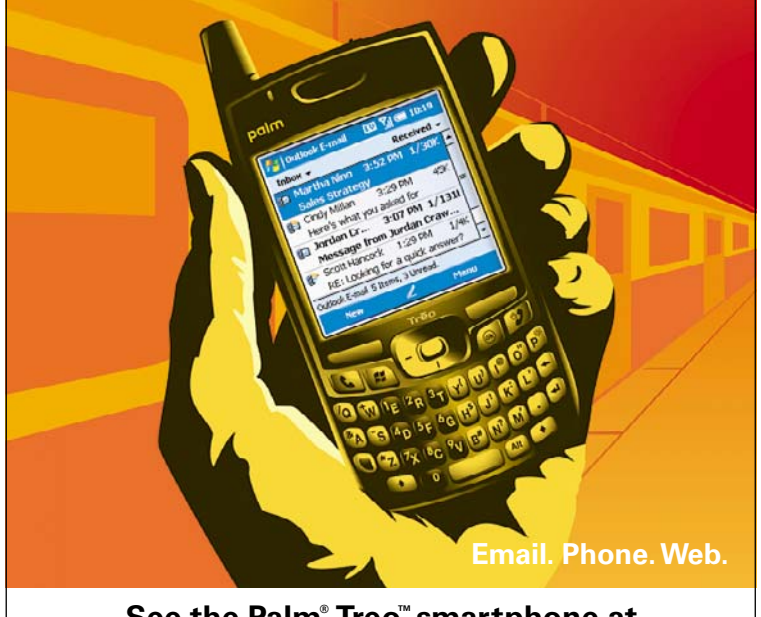

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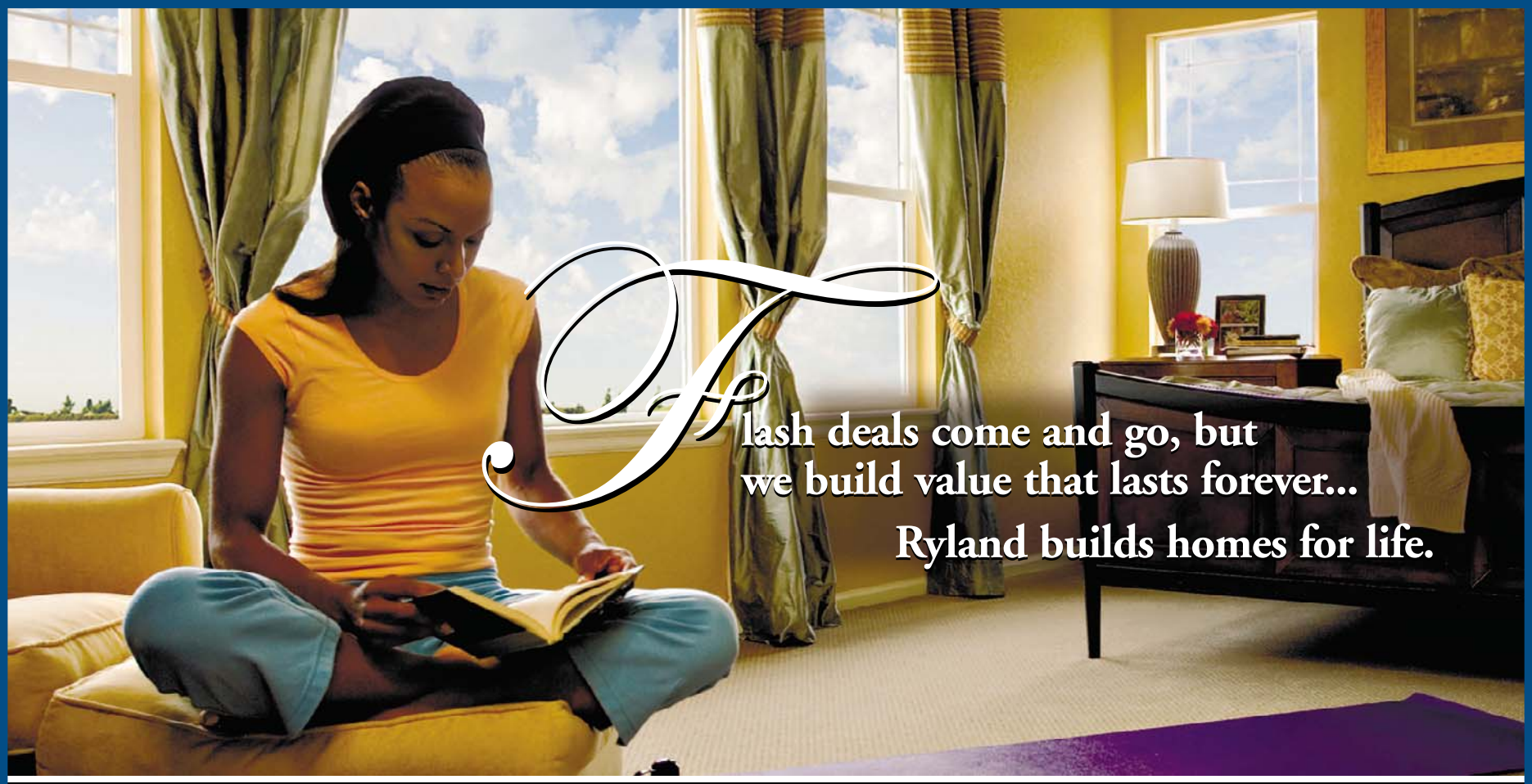

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WIZARDS
Star Wars: Will Gilbert Arenas be able to outshine LeBron James when the Wizards-Cavs playoff series resumes on Friday? | 31

Sports Weekend

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

SHELL GAME: All that's left for Vernon Davis, a star at Maryland after graduating from D.C.'s Dunbar High School, is to hear his name called Saturday in the NFL Draft. Speculation has the tight end being selected as high as No. 5 by the Packers.

The Big Show

Maryland's Vernon Davis has the makings of a star in the NFL

NFL DRAFT | Vernon Davis' grandmother could never stand to watch him in action on Saturday afternoons.

Football is just too violent, too dangerous, and she loves him too much. But she always popped a tape in the VCR, set it to record and left the room. Then she'd wait impatiently for Davis to call and let her know that he was all right.

"Then I stay up half the night watching the game," said Adaline Davis, who raised the young man she calls "Duke."

But she'll watch him this Saturday. She'll be there with him in New York when his name is called in the first round of the NFL Draft. She'll watch him stride to the stage, shake the commissioner's hand and set out on a life that little boys in sandlots only dream about.

Vernon Davis made a name for himself the past three years as a tight end at Maryland, a rare combination of speed and brute strength. It was not uncommon for Terrapins fans to shake their heads in disbelief as he streaked past defensive backs, or more likely ran straight through them. At the NFL scouting combine earlier this year, it was pro scouts who were in disbelief when he ran a 4.38 40-yard dash and bench pressed 225 pounds 33 times, a total that puts most offensive linemen to shame.

At 6-foot-3 and 254 pounds, Davis now is projected as a top 10 pick, with the New York Jets at No. 4 and San Francisco at No. 6 as likely destinations.

"I've said all along, I've got a feeling about the Jets," Maryland tight ends coach Rich Rychleski said. But wherever he goes, Rychleski said, "They'll tailor the offense around him."

Davis, for his part, is telling anyone who will listen that he's just ready to get going. He's been training in Tempe, Ariz. He's crisscrossed the country visiting teams. He flew to Los Angeles to film a segment on The Best Damn Sports Show Period.

The next big show is Saturday. And he'll have a big fan club with him, somewhere in the vicinity of 100 friends and family invited to share in the excitement. But there's one person he's especially happy to share his joy with—the one he called without fail on Saturday afternoons. When that NFL money comes, Davis plans to buy a new house for his grandmother.

"That's what he told me," Adaline Davis said. "I told him he didn't have to that. But I'll be very happy and very grateful." DEREK TURNER

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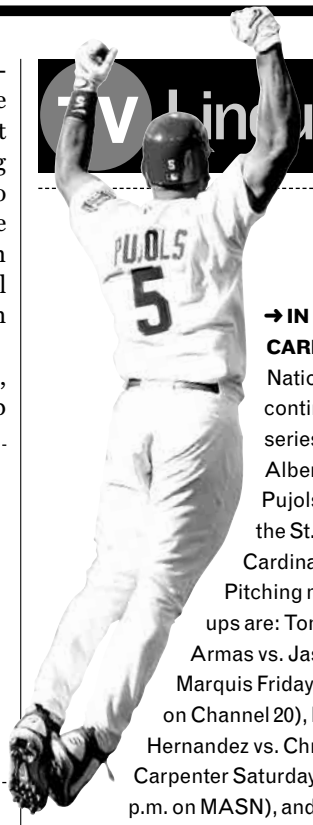


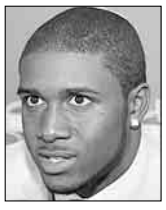
➜ IN THE CARDS: The Nationals continue their series against Albert Pujols and the St. Louis Cardinals. Pitching matchups are: Tony Armas vs. Jason Marquis Friday (8 p.m. on Channel 20), Livan Hernandez vs. Chris Carpenter Saturday (2:15 p.m. on MASN), and a pitcher TBA vs. Jeff Suppan Sunday (2:15 p.m. on MASN).

➜ CATCH THE ICHIRO: One of baseball's best hitters, Ichiro Suzuki, is in Baltimore as the Mariners battle the Orioles on Friday (7 p.m. on NewsChannel 8), Saturday (4:30 p.m. on MASN), and Sunday (1:30 p.m. on MASN).

➜ HOME COURT: The Wizards host the Cavaliers at Verizon Center this weekend during Friday's Game 3 (8 p.m. on CSN) and Sunday's Game 4 (7:30 p.m. on CSN) of the first-round playoff series.

➜ THE ENEMY: It's not quite Redskins-Cowboys, but it's D.C. vs. Dallas in United's home game on Saturday (7:30 p.m. on CSN) at RFK.

➜ DRAFTY CONDITIONS: Reggie Bush is expected to be the top pick in the NFL Draft on Saturday (noon on ESPN and 8 p.m. on ESPN2). Day 2's coverage starts Sunday at 11 a.m. on ESPN.



Bush

➜ REVVED UP: Dale Earnhardt Jr. will use a black car to honor his late father at the Aaron's 499 at Talladega on Sunday (1:30 p.m. on Fox).

HOOPS | **Hollywood Ending** After Jason McElwain sunk the first of his six three-pointers, anyone watching knew there would be a movie about the autistic basketball trainer who became a star by scoring 20 points in his first and only appearance for Greece Athena High School's team. Now it's official, and former Lakers great Magic Johnson will produce the film. Asked how difficult McElwain's feat was, Johnson said, "Oh man, I know I couldn't have done it." "Yeah, you could have!" an incredulous McElwain interjected at Wednesday's announcement. (AP)

Better Late Than Never

Having filled needs in free agency, Redskins are OK picking 53rd

REDSKINS | For once, the Washington Redskins don't mind being last.

The Redskins are scheduled to be the final team to get going Saturday in the NFL draft. They don't have a selection until the No. 53 spot late in Round 2 and then can sit quiet until Round 5, a bare cupboard resulting from an aggressive player acquisition strategy that has the team already well stocked for the 2006 season.

"We feel pretty comfortable as a team," coach Joe Gibbs said. "I don't think we're under pressure to take any one particular spot, to be truthful, right now. I think we can be pretty comfortable at 53, just taking the best athlete."

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

ROUND ABOUT: By signing free agents like Antwaan Randle El, coach Joe Gibbs is feeling good about the Redskins even though they don't have a first-round draft pick. Gibbs has even said it is unlikely that they will try to trade up on Saturday.

The Redskins spent the last two months addressing their major needs. They needed receivers, so traded for Brandon Lloyd and signed free agent Antwaan Randle El. They needed a pass-rusher, a safety and a tight end, so they signed free agents Andre Carter, Adam Archuleta and Christian Fauria.

If there's one position where Gibbs could use some fresh competition, it's weakside linebacker. LaVar Arrington left as a free agent, leaving Chris Clemons and Warrick Holdman to contend for the spot. The Redskins catch a break there because linebacker is considered a deep position in this draft, so a decent prospect such as Rocky McIntosh from the Miami should still be available at No. 53.

What about moving up? Such a big leap into the first round is unlikely because the team is running out of picks to trade. "There's no serious considerations for doing that," Gibbs said. "But I don't think you ever rule it out." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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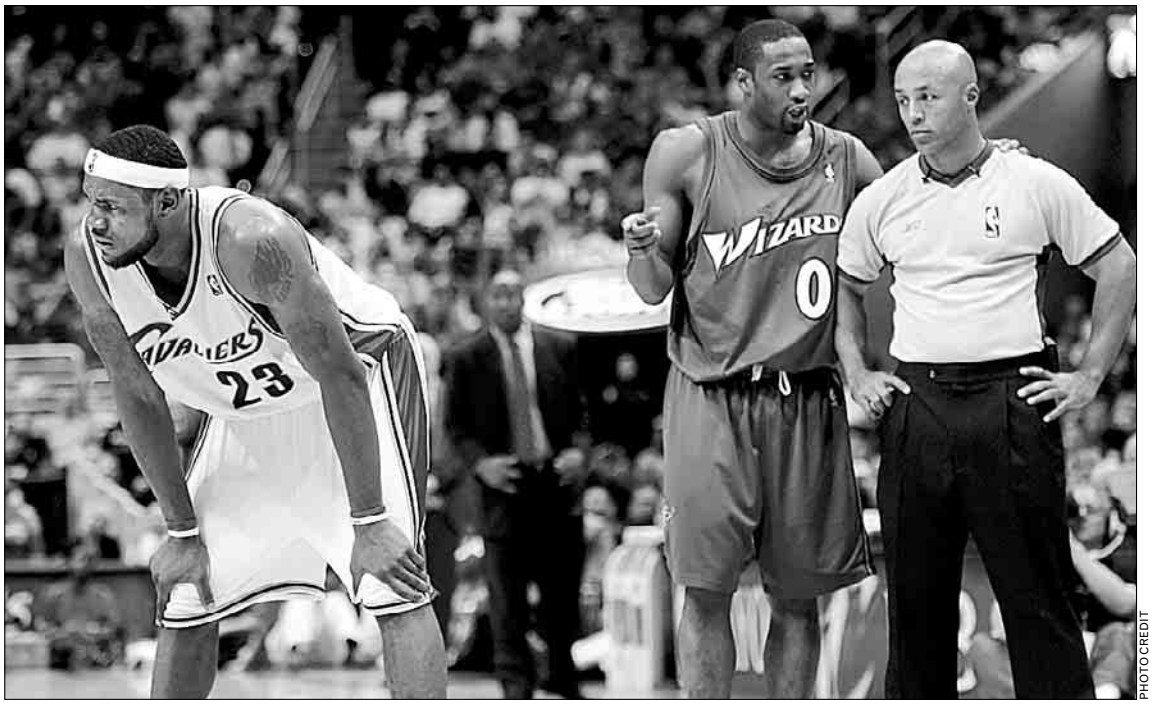

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STAR SEARCH: Both Washington and Cleveland will keep their eyes on LeBron James, left, and Gilbert Arenas, center.

Follow the Leader

Game 3 may hinge on the play of Arenas and James in Washington

WIZARDS | See LeBron play well. See the Cleveland Cavaliers win.

See LeBron play not-so-well. See the Cavaliers lose.

The first-round meeting between the Cavaliers and Washington Wizards might as well be called the LeBron James Series, given all the attention paid to the Cleveland star making his playoff debut.

Gilbert Arenas wouldn't mind doing a bit of upstaging.

With the series tied at one game apiece going into Friday's Game 3 in Washington, the Wizards point guard was asked when there will be a return of the "Eastern Conference Assassin," the nickname he gave himself after being snubbed in the coaches' voting for the All-Star game.

"I'm waiting. I'm waiting," Arenas said Thursday. "Right now, they're focused on me. And they should be. But as long as we're in the game, I don't need to try to attack.

"But don't worry. He will come out in the series."

Arenas, who eventually made the All-Star game as an injury replacement, had more 40-point games (11) than James (10) during the regular season, but against the Cavaliers he has yet to have one of those stretches where he carries the Wizards on his shoulders.

Arenas scored 26 points in the Game 1 loss and 30 in the Game 2 victory, but he's only shooting 39 percent (17-for-44) and has frequently been content to distribute the ball against a Cavaliers defense that is obviously wary of the No. 4 scorer in the league.

"I think he may be more aggressive," coach Eddie Jordan said. "He's a little bit different at home — he attacks early and often."

The Wizards are interested to see how James reacts in his first road playoff game, where the crowd will be mostly hostile and the public address announcer won't be overbellowing his praises after every made basket.

"They have Eric Snow, Donyell Marshall, they have players who have been to playoff games," Arenas said, "but the main player on that team hasn't, and I think that's where our advantage is." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

In Brief

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Jackson Calls it a Career

Keith Jackson, widely regarded as the voice of college football, has decided to stop broadcasting games. "I'm finished with play-by-play forever," he told The New York Times, which first reported his retirement. Jackson spent some 40 years calling the action in a folksy, down-to-earth manner that made him one of the most popular play-by-play personalities. Jackson also announced he would retire after the 1998 season, but ended up continuing. He said this time is different. "This is the perfect time," Jackson said. (AP)

Jackson

BASEBALL

Selig: No Celebration if Bonds Surpasses Ruth

Major League Baseball is not planning any celebration for Barry Bonds if and when he tops Babe Ruth's mark of 714 home runs, commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday. "Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's record," Selig said. "We don't celebrate anybody the second or third time in." Bonds has 711 homers. (AP)

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A Knee-Jerk Reaction

Early struggles are a concern for Nats' ace after offseason surgery

NATIONALS | Livan Hernandez is the Washington Nationals' workhorse, eating innings like biscuits at a buffet.

Why, then, is he having so much trouble getting out of the first inning?

In 32 innings so far this season, Washington's ace has given up 27 runs. Fourteen of them have come in the first inning. He hasn't pitched a scoreless opening frame since the first game of the season.

Even his manager can't figure it out.

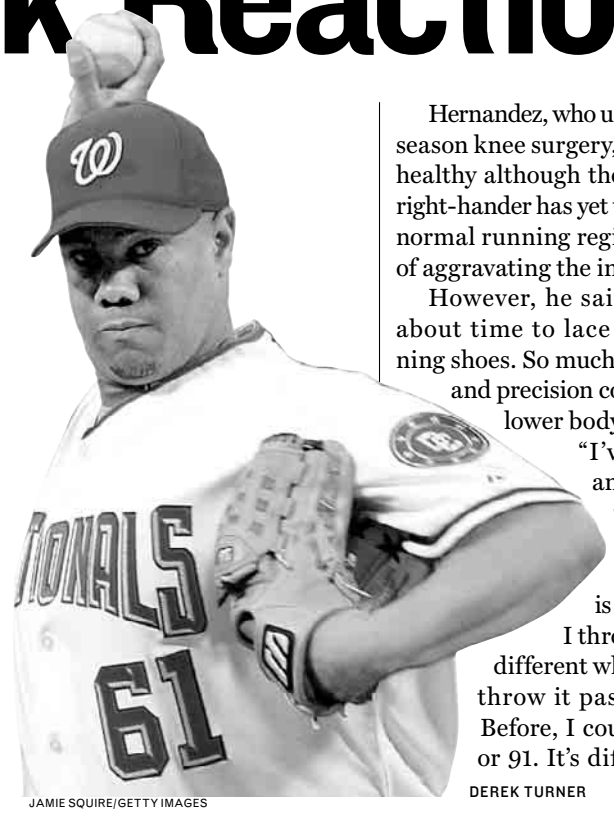
"I'm just on the side looking at runs going up on the board," Frank Robinson said. "I don't know what it is or why."

It's the main reason why the Nationals have lost four of his five starts and why he enters Saturday's start with a 6.68 ERA.

He'll be coming off an outing Monday in which he permitted two singles, two doubles and three runs in the first inning of a 4-2 loss to Cincinnati.

Bombarded with questions after the game, he searched for answers and, once again, he was at a loss.

"Everything I throw in the bullpen [before the game] is perfect," he said. "I'm ready for the game. I don't know what happens in the first inning. ... I'm going to try to put it out of my mind."



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Hernandez, who underwent offseason knee surgery, says he feels healthy although the 245-pound right-hander has yet to resume his normal running regimen for fear of aggravating the injury.

However, he said, it may be about time to lace up his running shoes. So much of his power and precision come from the lower body.

"I've got to go and do my regular workout," he said. "My velocity is not the same. I throw 88, 87. It's different when I want to throw it past the hitter. Before, I could throw 90 or 91. It's different now."

DEREK TURNER

Rays' Prospect Suspended for Bat Toss at Ump

BASEBALL | Top Tampa Bay prospect Delmon Young was suspended indefinitely by the International League on Thursday, a day after throwing a bat that hit a replacement umpire in the chest.

The 20-year-old Young, brother of Detroit star Dmitri Young, was ejected in the first inning following a called third strike in the Durham Bulls' Triple-A game at Pawtucket, R.I. When Young took his time leaving the batter's box, the umpire tossed him. Young then flipped his bat underhand and it sailed end over end, striking the umpire. The umpire did not appear injured and remained in the game.

"I sincerely regret my actions in the game yesterday," Young said in a statement. "Regrettably, in the heat of the competition my emotions got the better of me." (AP)

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Armas Shoulders the Load

Starter's arm looks good as new during a strong start to season

NATS NOTEBOOK | Heavy lifting isn't usually recommended after shoulder surgery. Still, Tony Armas Jr. is handing his load just fine.

The team re-signed the right-hander in the offseason despite undergoing a second shoulder surgery in three years on Sept. 28. Armas (1-2, 2.70 ERA) has made that look like a smart decision, logging four quality outings thus far.

"I want to make my pitches and not have to worry about anything like pain," Armas said. "That's the main point. I'm not thinking about the shoulder at all. I just go out there and pitch."

Armas' most impressive start was his last. He went 6 1/3 innings against the Braves on Sunday, surrendering no runs and just three hits in a no-decision. The hard part, of course, will be doing that over the entire season: 27 of Armas' 40 career wins have come before the All-Star break.

LAWRENCE JACKSON/AP

After struggling last season, Tony Armas has been the Nationals' second-best pitcher behind John Patterson so far this year. He starts Friday night in St. Louis.

He's slated to start the second game of the Nationals' series in St. Louis Friday.

BACK TO THE BIGS: Maybe big league pitching is just easier for Ryan Church to hit.

Despite posting sub-.200 averages during spring training and in the minors, the lefty made an immediate impact after being called up April 13, belting four home runs in three Nationals wins April 16-19. He stayed hot, too, parlaying the power surge into a six-game hitting streak that ended Tuesday.

"I'm trying not to think about that," Church said. "It's one of those where you just have to stay with whatever you're doing and just go up there with a plan, and square up the ball and have a good AB."

SPEAKING OF STREAKS: Left fielder Alfonso Soriano's 11-game hitting streak and first baseman Nick Johnson's eight-game hitting streak were both snapped in Wednesday's loss to Cincinnati.

SURE HANDS: After a Grapefruit League-high eight errors in spring training, rookie third baseman Ryan Zimmerman is proving his reputation at the hot corner. Zimmerman didn't make an error through the first 21 games of the season.

STAT CORNER: The Nationals had been caught stealing 10 times through Wednesday's games. That's the most in the Major Leagues.

ERIC BRANDNER

Selig 'Close' To Naming An Owner

NATS SALE | Baseball commissioner Bud Selig is likely to pick a new owner for the Washington Nationals within a few days and the team probably will change hands in June, the sport's No. 2 official said Thursday.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said Selig intends to have major league owners vote on the sale when they meet May 17-18 in New York. DuPuy also said a ceremonial groundbreaking for the Nationals' new ballpark is likely to take place May 4.

Groups headed by Theodore Lerner; Fred Malek and Jeffrey Zients; and Jeff Smulyan are though to be he top contenders . "I do think the commissioner is very close. I will tell you it is topic A in his conversations with us," DuPuy said .

Once a deal is approved, the incoming owner must finalize financing before the sale is completed. "My guess is it will close before June 15, in that ballpark," DuPuy said. (AP)

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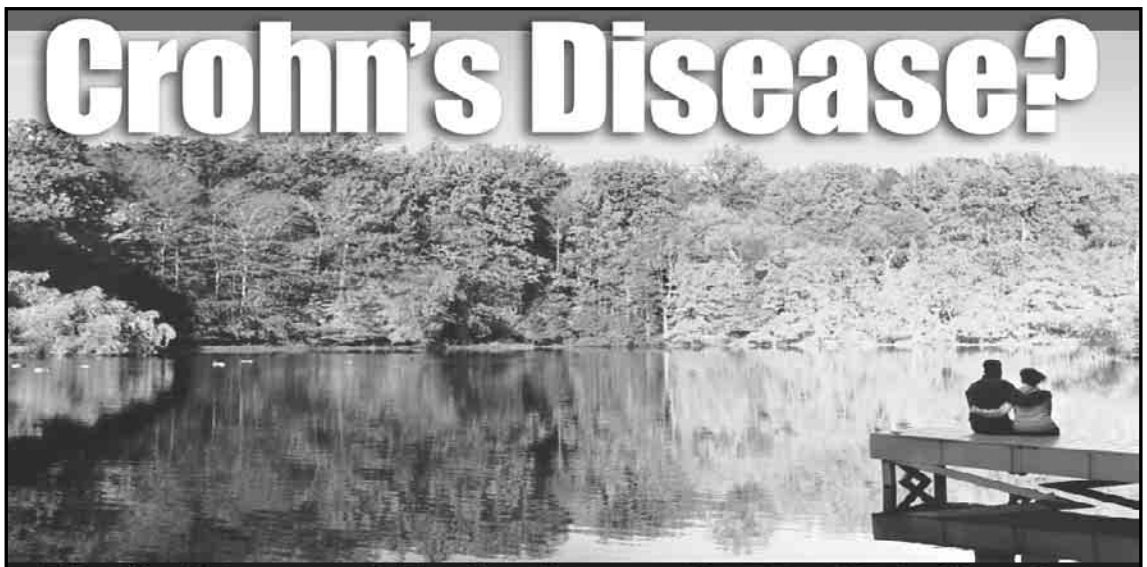

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Kornheiser: A Show-Stopper

ANYONE WHO LIVED IN WASHINGTON and followed sports in the 1980s knows who Glenn Brenner was.

The late Channel 9 sports anchor was Chris Berman before Berman got huge, both literally and figuratively. With a great sense of humor and just the right touch for handling his material, Brenner made sports fun.

Since Brenner's death in 1992, only one person has come close to matching his style. Here's a hint: He writes Swengali-sized columnettes in the Washington Post, Express' parent newspaper. (My check for writing this is in the mail, I assume.)

But it's not in print where Tony Kornheiser has become an institution for area fans recently. It's Kornheiser's snarky radio show, which goes off the air Friday as he readies for his "Monday Night Football" gig, that has become a morning ritual for Washingtonians over the past 10 years.

His ability to discuss "The Sopranos," "24" and politics while finding time to squeeze in the Redskins, Wizards and Nats struck a rare chord. The camaraderie between Mr. Tony and sidekicks Andy Pollin, Gary Braun and Marc "Nigel" Stern has made the two-hour show fly by. And that's not mentioning the weekly chats with John "Junior" Feinstein, with whom Kornheiser has a hilarious love-hate relationship.

> Kornheiser's show had the perfect sensibility for Washington.

Like Brenner's broadcasts, Kornheiser's show had the perfect sensibility for Washington.

Why? Because Kornheiser gets it: Sports shouldn't be taken too seriously. Luckily, his subversive sense of humor will still be on display on "Pardon the Interruption" and "Monday Night Football."

But the question remains: Now what are we going to listen to in the morning?

D.C. Starts on Right Foot

Blowout win in N.Y. only adds to feel-good beginning to the year

KATHERINE FREY/TWP

D.C. United is trying to attain its best start in club history with a win on Saturday.

UNITED | There's been plenty to talk about concerning D.C. United this week, and that's not including Saturday's RFK Stadium showdown with FC Dallas — a game that will feature the two teams tied for the best record (3-0-1) in MLS.

The sugary buzz from last weekend's 4-1 rout of the New York Red Bulls lingers, despite the $250 fine of Alecko Eskandarian, who celebrated the first of his two goals with a sip and a spit of the opponent's namesake energy drink.

United was in fantastic form at rainy Giants Stadium, and analysis of defender Facundo Erpen's 35-yard, goal-of-the-week blast, midfielder Brian Carroll's breakout performance and Ben Olsen's feel-good progress as a World Cup hopeful have eclipsed Dallas as favored topics on message boards.

There has been some intrigue as well, as The Washington Post yesterday revealed every MLS player's salary. Freddy Adu is tops on United at $550,000,making him the league's fifth highest paid player, followed by captain Jaime Moreno at $241,250. There are bargains on D.C.'s roster, like national team prospects Carroll ($58,754) and Bobby Boswell ($29,400) and players who may not be living up their salary, like forward Lucio Filomeno, who's making $163,250, or $163,250 for every shot he's put on goal since joining United in August.

The mood surrounding the team rarely has been better since Peter Nowak assumed the coaching duties in 2004. D.C. will honor its all-decade team on Saturday, honoring its past before looking to secure the best start in club history against Dallas.

"I cannot be happier how the group has developed and the type of soccer we are playing," Nowak said after beating New York. "This is just the beginning." BRIAN STRAUS

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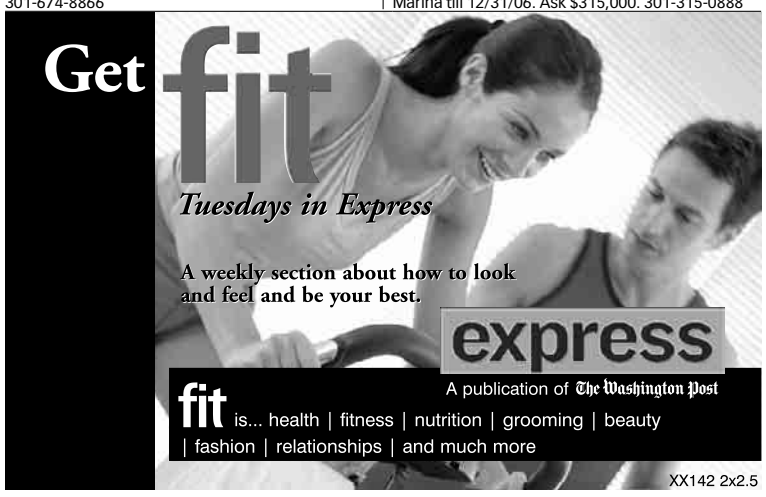

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Computers

Cult of Electricity

Self-proclaimed geeks find where creativity meets technology

About 200 people crammed into a sleek SoHo art gallery on a recent weekday night, sitting on chairs, on radiators and on the floor. Others jammed the entrance to catch a glimpse of the unusual presentation unfolding on a projection screen in front of them.

A computer scientist demonstrated a virtual lava lamp — physically manipulating the colorful blobs on the screen by stretching them with his fingers. The crowd listened intently as he extolled the wonders of "multi-touch interaction research."

No one was heading for the door.

The gathering was the monthly meeting of "Dorkbot," a loose forum for the exchange of creative technological ideas that is developing a cult following around the world.

"These events are very good to bring out the inner geek," said Jeff Han, a computer scientist at New York University who gave the lava lamp presentation.

The "Dorkbot" meetings were launched about five years ago by Douglas Repetto, 35, now the director of Columbia University's Computer Music Center.

When Repetto, an artist with a technology bent, came to New York in 2000 to teach at Columbia, he had few friends in the city. So he sent out an e-mail calling for a meeting of "people doing strange things with electricity." The phrase became the forum's motto.

About seven people showed up to the first meeting. Repetto presented a complex project involving the early computer game "Pong," hacked joysticks and computer programs "that talk to one another."

In an age of rapid scientific invention, the forum apparently tapped a latent desire for a venue to exhibit technological creativity for its own sake.

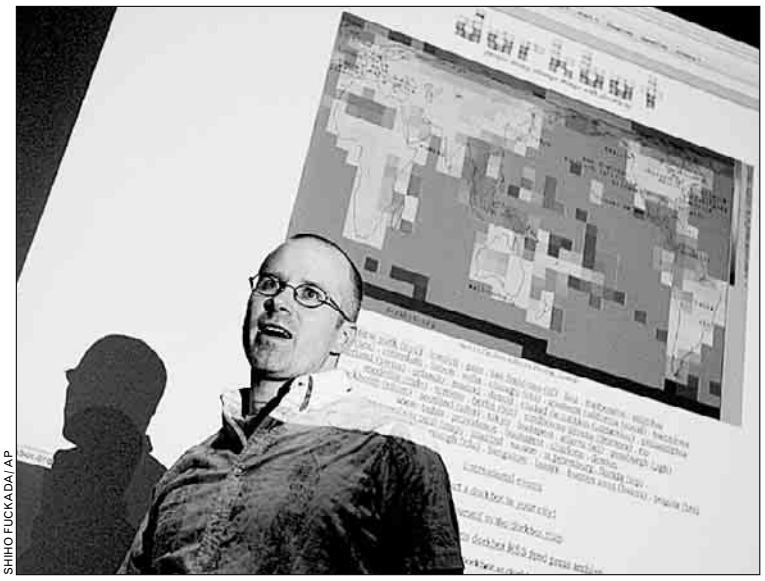
"There is a need to have a casual way of talking about what you are interested in without pressure to succeed," says Repetto. "It's a virus that our society has that the only one reason to do things is because you are going to get famous."

The meetings, which typically involve three presentations, have gradually grown and spread to about 50 cities on five continents.

Repetto believes the forum's appeal has to do with its informality and the broad inclusiveness expressed in its motto.

"I just said, 'If you are doing something weird, let's get together and show it,'" he explained.

Han said his lava-lamp research involves expanding touch-screen technology so that users can manipulate many points of the screen simultaneously. He says it has promising commercial applications, but it's also pretty cool — as evidenced by the audience's enthusiastic reaction.



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I, DORKBOT: Founder Douglass Repetto speaks at the group's monthly meeting.

Other Dorkbot projects are less functional. Repetto has finished a project called "foal table." The idea originated in a request from a friend working on a theater production to design a table that transformed into a horse. Repetto watched videos of foals being born and carefully calibrated a mechanical table to make it walk in the awkward, stumbling manner of newborn horses.

"What it's supposed to do is ridiculous because it's a table and there is no reason for it to be walking," Repetto said.

The idea is therefore perfectly Dorkbot — a name that Repetto says is meant to appeal to people who like to stand back and experience awe in technology and creativity.

"It's wonderful to be in the world and creating things," he says. "We should be celebrating the fact that people are doing weird and inconsequential things that are still interesting." DESMOND BUTLER (AP)

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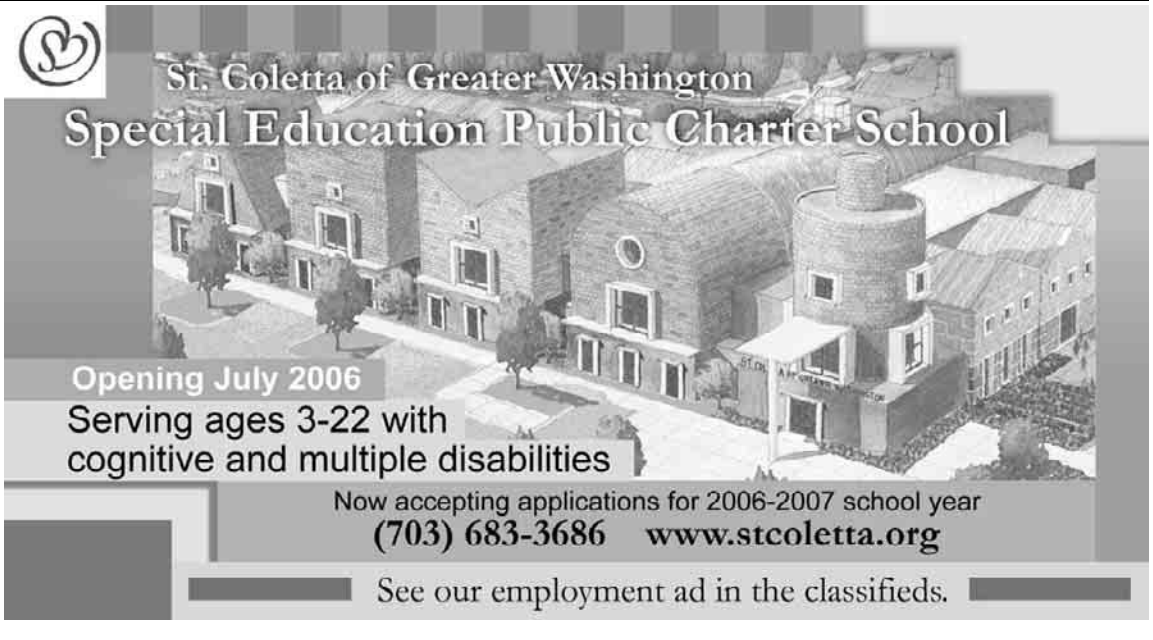

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Live Online | Attracting Birds

KRIS WETHERBEE, author of "Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Winged Wonders to Your Backyard," was online Thursday to discuss how to create a wildlife sanctuary in your own backyard.| **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

Is it possible to attract hummingbirds in Georgetown? I've hung a hummingbird feeder in past springs but I've yet to see one.

Yes, it is possible. Keep the hummingbird feeders filled through summer, even if you don't see any right away. The sound of water may also help to attract their attention. Hang several feeders as hummingbirds are very territorial. You didn't mention whether you garden in a small space. Be sure to feature nectar plants, and if you do garden in a small space, offer them as a container garden on a patio, porch or deck.

I have been trying unsuccessfully to attract a wider variety of wildlife to my urban yard, but still I only have little brown birds and one family of robins. I have lots of flowers and a water feature, what else can I do to attract more birds and butterflies?

Be sure to include the framework of any well-designed nature-scaped garden — trees and shrubs. They not only serve as shelter plants and places to nest; some also offer great sources of nectar, seeds, fruits or even sap that some species of butterflies and birds feast on. If you want more butterflies, make sure that some of the plants you do offer are caterpillar host plants, which serve as incubating stations where adult female butterflies, and moths, can lay their eggs and have a ready source of selected food for hungry caterpillars. And, don't forget to include several bird feeders.

A huge part of creating a wildlife sanctuary is to prevent squirrels from eating bird food. What is your best tip for keeping squirrels away?

Best tip is to use squirrel-proof feeders, which are widely available. The feeder itself is enclosed in a wire cage with openings that only allow smaller birds, like finches and smaller, to enter.

Mosquito season is almost here. Is it true that dragonflies can help reduce the summer scourge? If so, what can be done in a small patio to encourage dragonflies to visit? Any other mosquito-fighters that we can entice?

Dragonflies, bats and some birds do eat mosquitoes. Swallows, especially, with their early-evening last feeding frenzy of the day, are great bug eaters. As to attracting dragonflies to your patio, they eat only insects and need lots of water, water, water, in order to exist. Include a water feature or several container water gardens. And to keep mosquitoes from breeding in your water offerings, add mosquito doughnuts, available at any nursery, garden or home improvement center. Dragonflies also need a place to perch, and that's where plants help, or a dragonfly perch, which is one of over 20 projects included in my book.

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> **KRIS WETHERBEE**
> ON HOW TO ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS AND KEEP THEM COMING BACK

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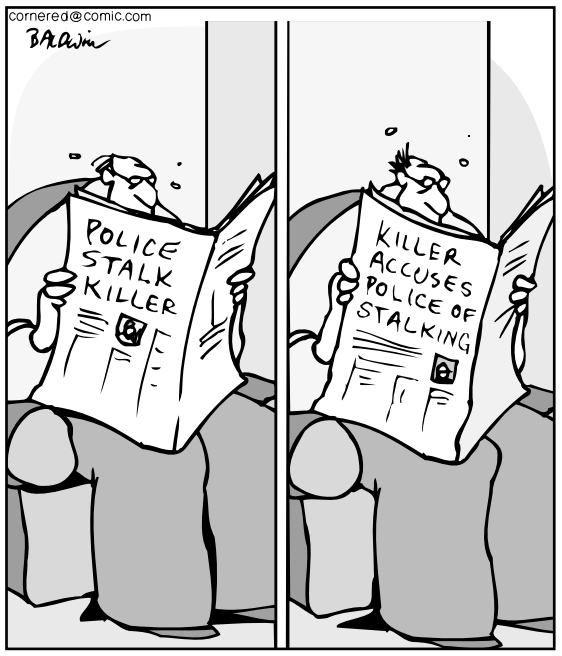

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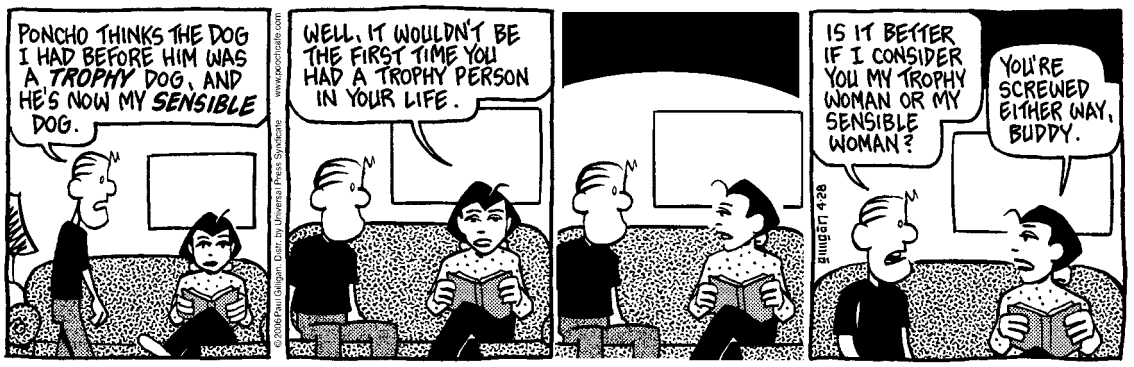

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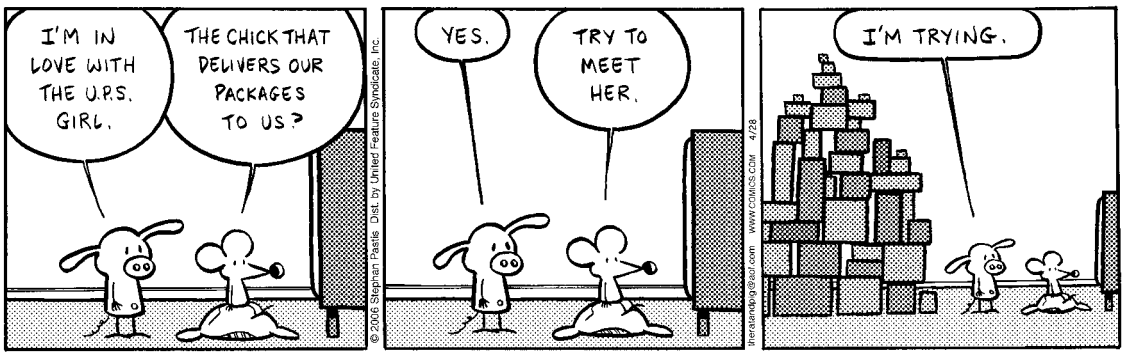

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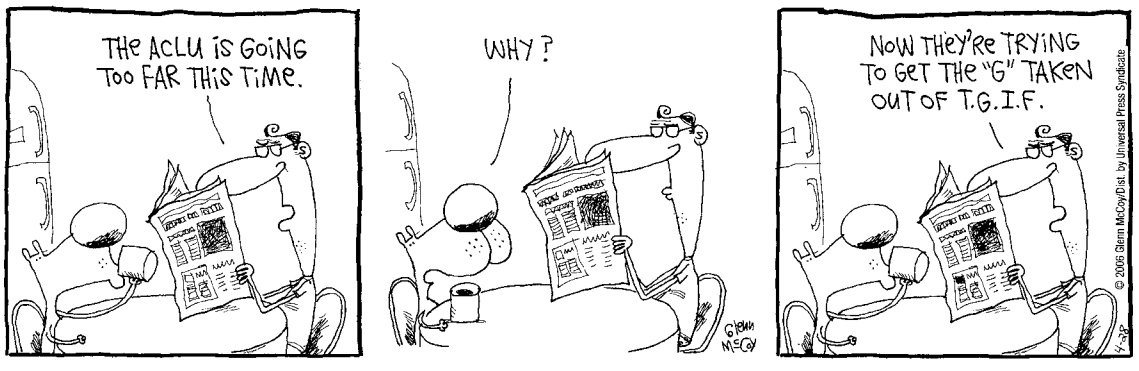

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may want to increase your sensitivity to what others are saying about you. Toward evening, you'll realize who your allies are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A new place can really spark your imagination, so don't hesitate to travel if given the opportunity. You won't be able to resist taking the reins.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do you have the time to devote to a new cause? Only you can answer the question, and you had better be honest with yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Social activities are likely to pick up, but you simply won't have time to accept all the invitations that are likely to come your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There are many options available to you, but you must remember that it is all about doing things in the most productive possible manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can't be all things to all people, so it's a good idea to start with yourself. Please yourself, and you'll be well equipped to please others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may have to work hard to convince someone that you know what you're talking about. Remember: Actions do indeed speak louder than words.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll be waiting on others throughout much of the day, but you can use downtime to your advantage. Begin formulating new plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A memory may set you off on a journey of discovery from which, if you're lucky, you may never return. All sorts of doors may open for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take care you don't interrupt others simply because you're in the mood for a change of pace. Be as quiet and unobtrusive as you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) This is a good day for you to throw caution to the wind—in a well-planned manner. Yes, you can combine improvisation with preparation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You aren't in the mood to do things on your own or spend much time alone. Surrounding yourself with a few good friends should suffice.

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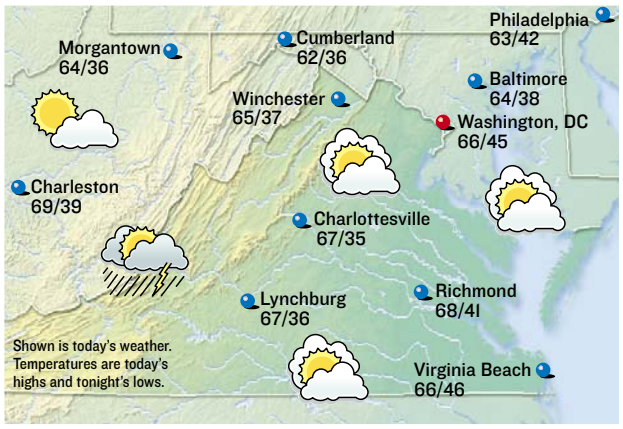

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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:58 p.m.
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Moonset today	9:28 p.m.

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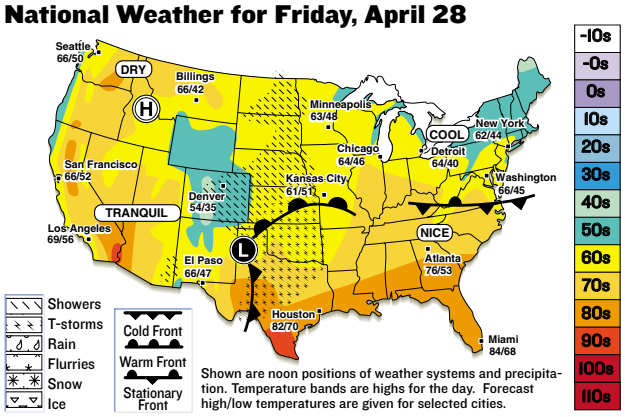

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Boston	54/40/pc	54/40/s
Chicago	64/46/pc	60/50/r
Dallas	74/58/t	72/52/pc
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J. Lo stubbornly withholds her eggs.

BAD MOVES

These Days, You Need A Baby to Stay Competitive

While Angelina Jolie tops People's most beautiful issue, **JENNIFER LOPEZ** graces the cover of People En Espanol's annual "50 Most Beautiful" issue. "I've never tried to hide the fact that I'm Latina," she told the magazine. "I think that's why Hispanics are like 'she's ours.'" Unlike Jolie and Pitt, Lopez isn't currently planning a baby with husband Marc Anthony. "That would be nice for sure ... I feel that will happen naturally when it does." (AP)

AP

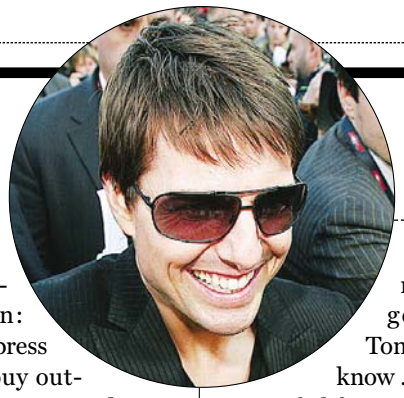
IMPOSSIBLY SMOOTH SKIN

Even Angelina Needs Airbrushing

People magazine has named **ANGELINA JOLIE**, Brad Pitt and their kids the "World's Most Beautiful Family" in its "100 Most Beautiful People" issue. It's Jolie's fourth time, but first as cover girl. "She looks the most beautiful when she's in the field — natural, no makeup, nothing," Jolie pal Wyclef Jean told the mag. "Because you see Angelina, the angel." (AP)

SCIENCE

Cruise Saliva Renders Women Helpless



Like rabies, Tom-infatuationitis is passed via spit.

TOM CRUISE skipped a "Mission: Impossible III" press conference to buy outfits for Suri, organizers said. At the press conference, director J.J. Abrams playfully asked Michelle Monaghan what it was like to kiss Cruise with Holmes on the set. "Was it weird?" he asked. No way, the actress replied. "Just in general to kiss Tom Cruise is, you know ... an experience of a lifetime," she said. "I said to Katie, 'I understand why you keep him around.'" Cruise told reporters on Tuesday that he had called Holmes "about a billion times" to check on their new baby. (AP)

WISDOM

It's Easier to Ask Forgiveness Than Permission: The Brit Tabloid Motto

SHARON STONE has accepted an undisclosed sum in libel damages from a British newspaper that alleged she left her 4-year-old son in a car while dining at a London restaurant. A lawyer for the Daily Mail told a judge at London's High Court on Thursday that the newspaper accepts that the allegation was untrue, and apologized to Stone for the distress and embarrassment it had caused. (AP)

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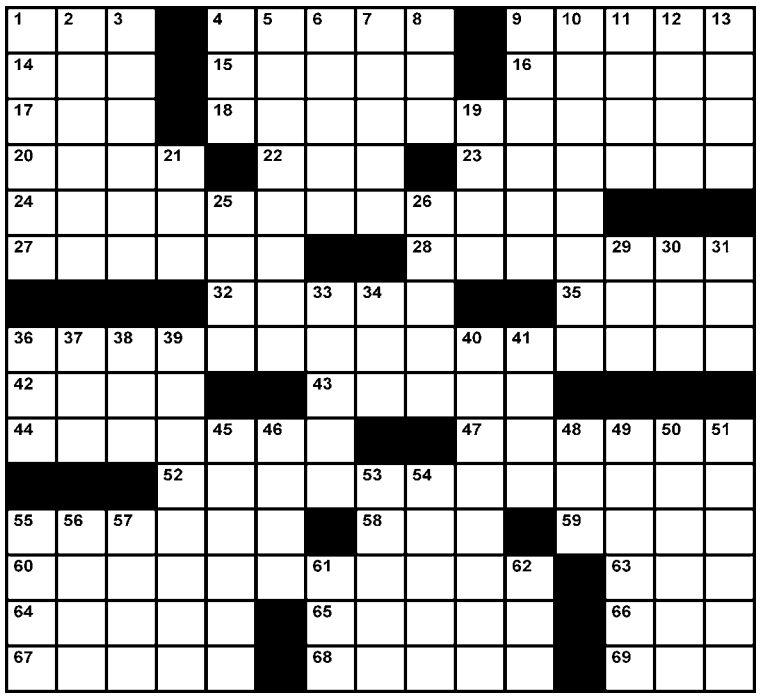

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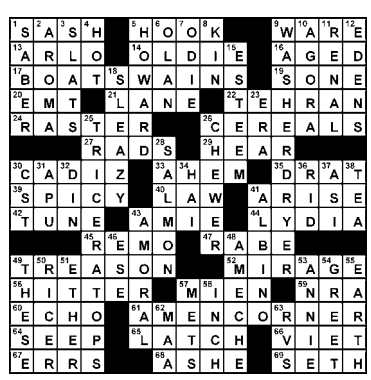

Today in History

1788 Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

1789 There was a mutiny on HMS Bounty as the crew of the British ship set Capt. William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in a launch in the South Pacific.

1945 Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

1967 Heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army.

1986 The Soviet Union informed the world of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl.

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Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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Yesterday's Solution

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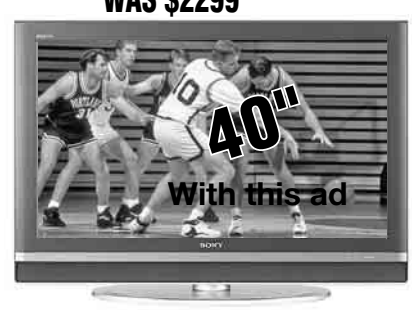

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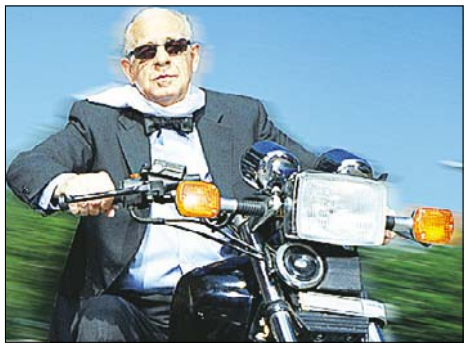

VASE CAMP

Urban Petals' owner shares tricks of the floral trade | 4

FLOWER GIRL: Floral designer Sarah von Schrader regularly teaches folks to build better bouquets. Inside, she shows off blooming fashion and turns supermarket posies and wild containers into hip arrangements.

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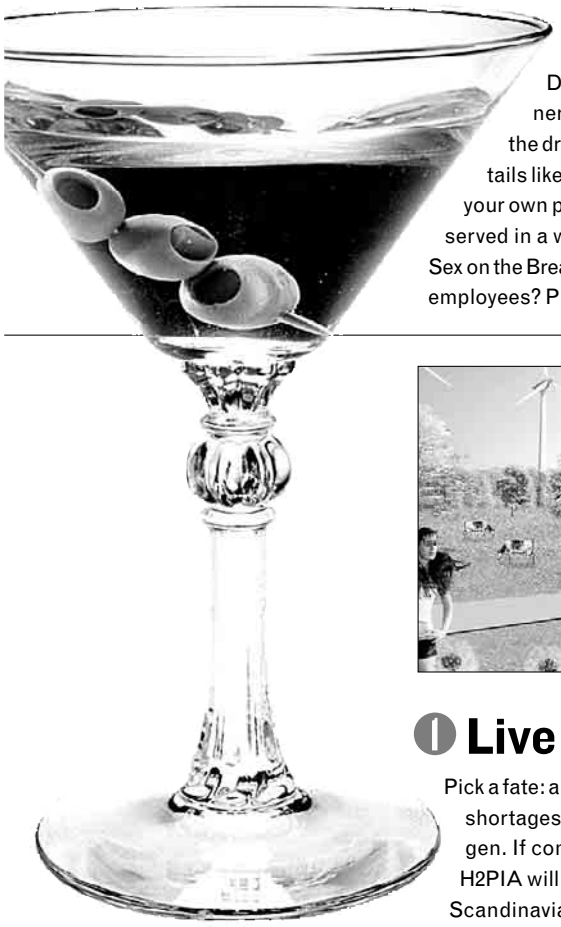

3 Dress Up and Drink Up

Don't don a tux to crash the Reuters pre-Correspondents' dinner soiree at the Hilton this weekend. Now that everyone's seen the drink list, just throw a bash to rival the event at home. Serve cocktails like the Barack O'Bomber and the Rove Rage or, better yet, invent your own politico-themed potent potables. How 'bout the Condi Cosmo, served in a weighted martini glass to maximize your bar workout? Or the Sex on the Breach, popular among administration officials and long-time CIA employees? Puns are always more tasty with a shot of booze.

1 Live in an IKEA Future

Pick a fate: a "Mad Max"-style post-apocalyptic wasteland caused by fuel shortages, or an idyllic global village running off clean, abundant hydrogen. If completed (construction is slated to start in 2007), Denmark's H2PIA will be the world's first hydrogen-powered city. Plus, the tasteful Scandinavian design will complement all your IKEA furniture!

4 Real Estate Reality

If the idea behind Monopoly is to buy property and develop condos on it, then 14th Street should so get a shout out. But instead, voters on monopoly.com must choose between the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and the White House as our fair city's square in the game's new Here and Now edition (also featuring 21 other towns). We just don't think those are good investments.

2 Drive Maseratis Dangerously

Whether you want to see how the other half — er, top 99.9999 percent — lives, or you are the other .00001 percent, the new Master Maserati driving school can sate your yearning to drive unfathomably expensive cars in dangerous situations. Offered in Atlanta for one day ($800) or two ($3,400), the course offers such seminars as "High-Performance Lane Change."

5 Super-Size It

If the thought of a two-foot Ding Dong makes you drool, don't wait for Hostess. Build your own, and submit the instructions to pimpmysnack.com, a new site devoted to giant and/or embellished versions of basic munchies, such as the Iced Bun, left.

IN THE POST TODAY

Video games get physical!

Put down the joystick and get your feet dancing, fists flying and heart pumping. These new video games are interactive with an emphasis on active.

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Irish food goes upscale. Bar hopping for a good cause. Where to find family fun. What's new at the movies and on DVD. And much more. In today's Weekend section.

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ANTHONY NAGELMANN/NPR

HOGGING AIR TIME: Carl Kassel, pictured below looking more sedate, takes "Wait, Wait" host Peter Sagal, left, for a spin.

Wait, Do Tell Me

NPR's Kassel brings his show home

The distinct intonations of Carl Kassel are familiar to anyone who's tuned into NPR's "Morning Edition" since 1979. So having that voice on one's answering machine is the coveted prize for "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!," the public radio network's weekend news quiz show. Kassel, who lives in D.C. but commutes to Chicago to be the show's judge, gets to stay home next week as the crew travels to the Lisner Auditorium for a live taping on Thursday, May 4. (Tickets are still available through the box office or Ticketmaster; the show will be broadcast May 6.) Express' Vicky Hallett listened intently as he told her about life on air.

What would Morning Edition be like with an audience?

Well, we have a viewing room, so people can watch. But all you're going to see is people sitting around. Sometimes we'll read something, but most of the recording is done ahead of time. There are live interviews from time to time, but the way the room is set up, you'd just get to see the backs of their heads. So it would be pretty boring.

You get up really early, right?
I get to work between 2 and 2:30.

What's the weirdest thing you've seen in the middle of the night in Washington?
You see a lot of weird things. On New Year's Day, there are still so many people partying and the traffic can be as heavy as rush hour. Well, maybe not quite, but there are a lot of cars. And I've come across some who don't stop at traffic lights. I was broadsided by a bus a few years ago. That's the time when taxis rule the streets.

Do you have a favorite late-night restaurant for breakfast?
No, I eat a little breakfast at home before I leave. And when I get to work, I make coffee. I think that's in my job description.

So this prize. Have you ever had to reject a message someone wanted?
Just once. It was someone with a home distributing service who sold things at parties — Mary Kay [cosmetics]. So the person wanted me to do a list of their inventory. I told them that would be boring for somebody who called and I don't do commercials. But everyone's always kept it clean, and we let the listeners write what they want — a limerick, a poem, a newscast or even a song.

Are those your favorites?
The songs? No, not really. I'm not a singer. But I give it a try.

> "I don't put cream in my coffee. That can cause congestion and then, the next thing you know, there comes a frog."

How do you describe your voice?
I hope it's pleasant. I hope it's not grating on anybody's nerves. But I hope people are focused more on what I'm saying than my voice.

What do you do to keep it in shape?
I don't put cream in my coffee. That can cause congestion and then, the next thing you know, there comes a frog. I used to do theater, and back then we didn't use microphones, so we had to know how to project. I think that's helped a lot. And I've had bouts of laryngitis. You just have to stay home until it gets better.

How often are you recognized by your voice?
Not as much as you might think. The last time was a few months ago when I was on my way to Chicago. A woman was sitting beside me and we were both reading. Then a flight attendant passed by and I asked for something. She said, "You're Carl Kassel."

But random people don't ask you to record their answering machine messages for them?
No, one question people ask a lot is who is on my answering machine. My wife does it and she's not giving it up. I have a son who hasn't expressed interest either.

> The Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

For four years, I had a pair of beautiful round-toe black pumps with a thin two-inch heel. I wore them everywhere. And then the strap broke, and I can't get them fixed. I've looked everywhere but I can't find a suitable replacement. —ELENOR

Manolo says, how well the Manolo knows the six stages of the shoe-loss grief: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance and Shopping. First there is the Denial: "It is not possible that the shoes they have become unwearable! Perhaps if they are allowed to rest under the bed for the week or two, they will get better on their own." Then comes the Anger: "Noooooooooooo! Estupido! Do you not know that I need you for the hot date!" Next, the Bargaining: "I promise, please, if they are restored to give them the most luxurious shoe trees, and the special shoebox on the shelf of honor in the closet." After that, the Depression: "Today, instead of going to the place of work, I will lay on the couch and clutch my beloved damaged shoes to my breast." Then, the Acceptance: "The shoes, they are gone, and the new ones are now needed." Finally, the Shopping: "Huzzah!"

The Elenor, she is clearly at the final stage of shoe-loss grief, which it is why the Manolo would recommend the Sigerson Morrison 5046 ($208, zappos.com). They are the beautiful, suede, round-toe pumps, perfect for helping to cope with your loss.

On the Cover

Urban Petals' Sarah von Schrader wears a Nanette Lepore top ($250, All About Jane) and a posy necklace ($36, South Moon Under). Store info inside. Photo by Michelle Repiso.

Bloom Boom

Floral designer Sarah von Schrader masses roses on cakes for weddings and fills towering containers with orchids for corporate clients. But the owner of Urban Petals is also known for flower-empowering house parties, where she shows the arranging-impaired how to mix posies and produce in unusual vessels. "There's an excitement to putting different things together and making them look good," she said. Here, using supermarket blooms, fruits and veggies plus eclectic containers, she shows how to "think outside the vase" — while showing off some flower-strewn fashion. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Hydrangeas, snapdragons and leaves snipped from houseplants overflow from a shell-shaped ice bucket. **($170, GORE DEAN, 3338 M ST. NW; 202-625-9199)**

Ice cube trays look mod stacked and stuffed with roses, mums and kumquats. "The little compartments can hold leftover flowers," Sarah said. **($10, HOME RULE, 1807 14TH ST. NW; 202-797-5544)**

"This makes me think of a beach wedding," said Sarah, who tucked mums and lilies into a tiny china seashell. **($12, ANTHROPOLOGIE.COM)**

"A tall vase calls for tall flowers," said Sarah. In this marbleized resin number, peppers (secured on skewers!) spice up sprays of white lilies. **($45, VASTU, 1829 14TH ST. NW; 202-234-8344)**

Sarah blossoms in Nanette Lepore's silk dress **($330, ALL ABOUT JANE, 2839 CLARENDON BLVD.; 703-243-4424)** and A. Marinelli mules **($95, BETSY FISHER, 1224 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW; 202-785-1975)**. Gilding the lily: a posy necklace. **($38, SOUTH MOON UNDER, 2700 CLARENDON BLVD.; 703-807-4083)**

Styles | Lookout

Office grace: Who knew a metal drawer liner could make a flower holder? Sarah soaked floral foam in H20, then spiked it with roses, artichokes and greenery. **($6, LOGAN HARDWARE, 1416 P ST. NW; 202-265-8900)**

Tropi-cool: Treesje's Cuban chic hobo marries a retro, floral fabric with lime-green suede ruffles. **($216, PINK NOVEMBER, 1529 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-333-1121)**

We bet Isaac Mizrahi's Pop-arty, tulip-print dress will become a collectible, so harvest yours before the stock wilts away. **($25, TARGET.COM)**

Hello, English roses. Raffia fleurs festoon slides by Brit clothier Boden. And there are no thorns here, since these babies are lined with pink suede. **($84, BODENUSA.COM)**

Sarah put different elements in this ceramic vessel's three chambers. It'd also look serene filled with one type of flower. **($95, SIMPLY HOME, 1412 U ST. NW; 202-986-8607)**

When stacked together, crinolated plastic pot liners form an unusual flower urn. Tulips and parsley add punch. **($1.50 EACH, GARDEN DISTRICT, 1801 14TH ST. NW; 202-797-9005)**

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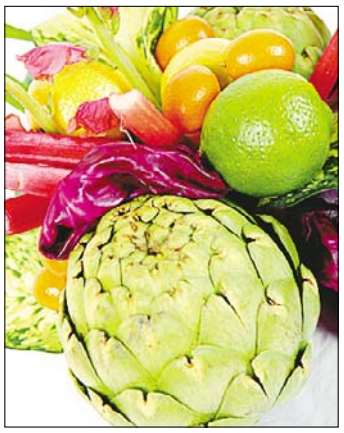

Kumquats, limes and even rhubarb rock an unusual bouquet by Sarah.

Petal Pointers

Sarah von Schrader, floral designer, tells how you can put glory in your flower arrangements. For more info on her work and parties, visit urbanpetals.com. J.B.

What tricks do you reveal in your classes?
Gather a flower bunch in your hands, then secure it with a rubber band. Put it in a vase, and it'll stay in place. Anchor things like peppers and kumquats with shish kebab skewers.

How do you choose containers?
Go with what speaks to you. Sometimes that's a vase. Other times it's something like a drawer organizer, or even red plastic cups from CVS. I once arranged flowers in silver trophy cups!

How do you keep posies fresh?
Don't put foliage below the water — that creates bacteria. And feed flowers by adding Sprite or sugar to the water.

How do I get good blooms at the grocery store?
Ask the floral department which day of the week things arrive, that way you can get the freshest flowers. Pick up what appeals to you, maybe a mixed bouquet you can split up and some colorful fruit.

What about your flower parties?
They cost $75 per person for a minimum of eight. I come to your house with flowers, and each guest leaves with at least two arrangements.

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BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS

Shannon Hebel, Dustin Parry

Shannon, 32, is a language analyst for the Department of Justice. Dustin, 31, is a district manager for Virginia Imports, Ltd. They live in Arlington.

THE MAIN EVENT: A garden wedding for about 80 guests on May 6 in Richboro, Penn.

THE HONEYMOON: Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. "The beach, cigars and fun in the sun," said Dustin.

FIRST DATE: "We went to Ravi Kabob, where Shannon ate one of the hottest peppers out there. I knew she was the one!"

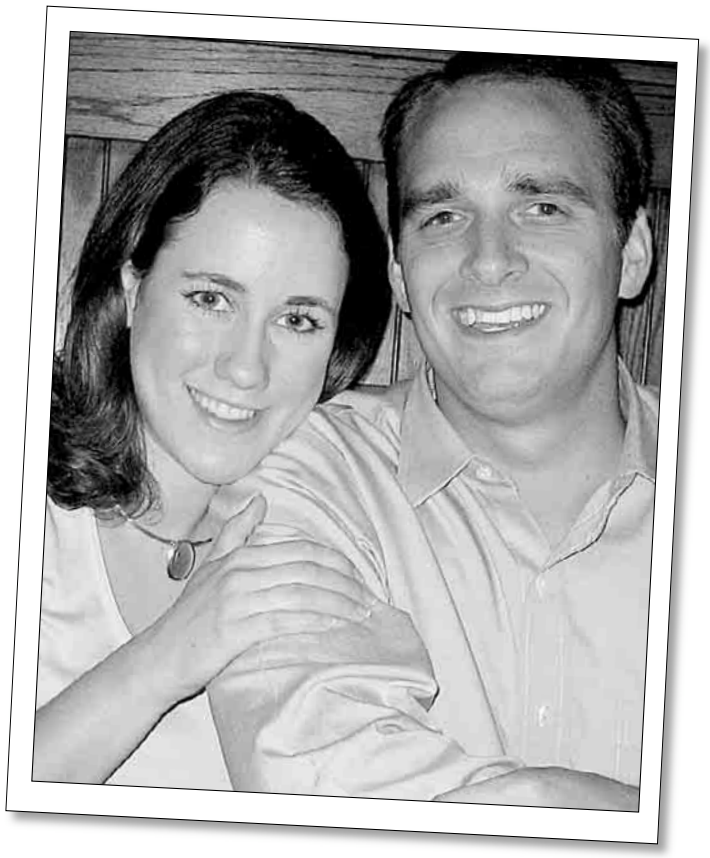
HOW HE PROPOSED: "After dating for three months, Dustin brought me to the gardens at the observatory at Georgetown University, where he told me that one day, we would return and he would propose." Three years later, he did just that.

STUPIDEST FIGHT: "Whether to use a metal or plastic spatula one night," said Dustin.

MAKING IT UNIQUE: "I have always been obsessed with initials and monograms," said Shannon. "So we're incorporating our monogram throughout the wedding."

WHO WILL CRY FIRST: "It's between Dustin and my mom."

> "I thought no man ever looked at me the way Dustin did on our first date."



A Capital Connection

Sometimes working for the government means more than good benefits and lots of holidays. **AARON HOBBS** first laid eyes on **NICOLE ENDRES** when she interviewed for a job at the Department of Agriculture, where he worked. He stopped in his tracks when he saw her walking down the hall; a week later, his new crush was working two offices down. A boss assigned him to work on a project with her, which led to friendship, then romance. "Since the moment I met Aaron, he's never left my thoughts," said Nicole. "It was only later that I realized what I felt was love at first sight — a phenomenon I never believed in."

Their courtship's D.C. theme continued when Aaron proposed beneath the National Christmas Tree. They'll marry Aug. 26 at a Georgetown church, followed by a reception on a rooftop overlooking the National Mall. Each table will be named after a D.C. monument, and the cake is an edible replica of the U.S. Capitol.

Nicole, 25, is an international trade economist for the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service. Aaron, 26, is the State Caucus Manager for the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. They live in Arlington.

Brian Altman, Jerry Boegler

Brian, 31, is the Legislative Representative for the American Counseling Association. Jerry, 30, is the Chief of Staff for the Customer Solutions Operating Group at BAE Systems. They live in Arlington.

THE MAIN EVENT: A June 17 black tie-optional party in Arlington for 200 guests. The ceremony will be officiated by both a Lutheran pastor and a Reform Jewish rabbi.

HOW THEY MET: Jerry posted an ad on The Onion's personals page "as more of a joke than a serious effort."

HOW HE PROPOSED: "We had received a renewal notice for our lease. As we discussed whether we wanted to buy a condo, Brian said we should talk about something else before we bought a home ... a ring."

> "Jerry is afraid he's going to fall off the chair during the traditional dance and break my father's hip."

THEIR SONG: "I Knew I Loved You" by Savage Garden. Brian played it to Jerry over the phone on their first Valentine's Day.

MAKING IT UNIQUE: Each groom will have his sister as a maid/matron of honor, plus three additional groomsmen per groom.

BIGGEST FEAR: "Jerry is scared to death of the Jewish tradition in which the wedding couple is required to sit in the chairs and be hoisted above the guests."

Benjamin Rohling, Nicole Shoemaker

Benjamin (who goes by B.J.), 27, is an avionics engineer for Northrop Grumman. Nicole (who goes by Nikki), 27, is the membership and recruitment coordinator for the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service. They live in Germantown.

THE MAIN EVENT: A formal Catholic ceremony on June 3 in Nashville, at the same elementary school B.J. attended. Three hundred guests are expected.

HOW THEY MET: At the wedding of mutual friends. "I was at the bar holding a couple of shots of Jack Daniels, waiting for a friend," said B.J. "Nikki came to the bar, so I convinced her to do the shot with me."

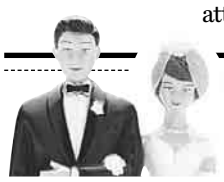
HOW HE PROPOSED: On the Maryland side of Great Falls. "I told Nikki to step up so I could get a picture of her. She turned around to get on the rock, I pulled the ring out and got down on my knee."

MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM: For Nikki, "his plaid flannel shirt from high school." For B.J., Nikki's "ugly red, white and blue spandex pajama pants that go down to her calves."

THEIR SONG: "Windmills" by Toad the Wet Sprocket.

MMM, CAKE: A three-tiered, square cake. One tier will be sour cream and chocolate truffle, one will be carrot and one will be strawberry.

WITH AN UNLIMITED BUDGET... "We wouldn't make any changes to the actual wedding. Maybe we could just afford a house in the D.C. area!"



Getting Married? If you'd like to see your wedding or commitment ceremony in B.I.O., send your favorite informal photo (wacky is fine, but please don't send a formal engagement shot), plus your names, contact info and the ceremony date to weddings@readexpress.com. We'll contact you with some questions as your big day approaches. Our space is limited, but we'll do our best to include as many as we can.

Samurai SUDOKU

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How to Play

The rules of Samurai Sudoku are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in Express and The Washington Post.

As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another. As always, there's only one solution, which will appear in next week's edition of LookOut Weekend.

Can't get enough Sudoku? Find a standard Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

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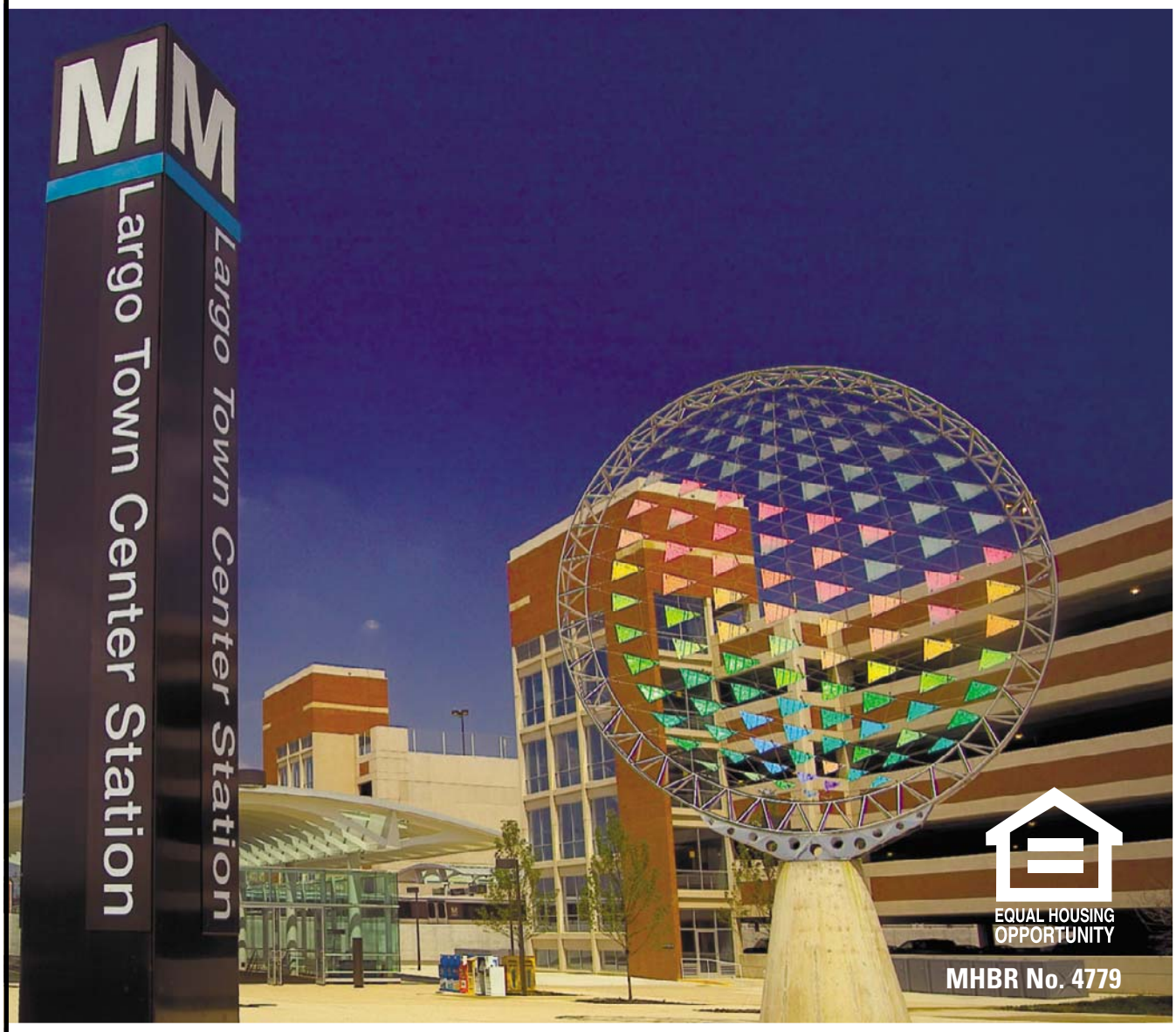

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Hot Hues in Va.

A reader spices up her space with rich colors and heirlooms

Kristyn Ivey bought her 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom, 826-square-foot condominium in Alexandria in May of 2004. "But it was kind of standard and boring when I moved in — everything was builder's beige," she said. "It definitely needed color and an upgrade."

So Ivey, 24, who works for a large consulting firm, set about transforming her place into a hip, color-saturated spot for entertaining pals and sometimes, burning the midnight oil in her home office. She talked to Express' Jennifer Barger about how she did it.

KRISTYN IVEY

Strong colors, like this aubergine shade, warm up Ivey's condominium.

My Rad Pad

REMODELING AS A FAMILY AFFAIR "My Dad and I refinished and remodeled the whole apartment," said Ivey. Her father put in new cherry floors they purchased at Lumber Liquidators (lumberliquidators.com) and installed dark marble countertops from the Countertop Company (countertopcompany.com) over new, honeyed wood cabinets in the kitchen. They replaced dated linoleum in the kitchen and bath with sand-colored Italian porcelain tile. Ivey's godfather helped, and her mother pitched in when it came time to paint the walls.

KRISTYN IVEY

Kristyn Ivey, consultant by day, decor wiz by night, perches on a retro chair in her Alexandria condo, which she decked out using HGTV ideas and family treasures.

BUT COME ON, WASN'T IT HARD? "Every project my Dad and I would tackle, we'd have a set schedule," remembered Ivey. "But lots of things ran over!" They accidentally ordered kitchen cabinets in the wrong size, "but we eventually figured it out," she said.

Some things came easier, like the South Beach-meets-South of France color scheme. "I wanted something dramatic, so I went to Home Depot and used this computerized paint-coordination system." The computer kiosk spit out a recommended set of hues, which is how Ivey ended up with a purple kitchen and a living room with an Hermes-box orange wall. "I think the warm colors create a modern, young look," said Ivey.

> "My parents bought [this chair] when they got married. It reminds me of my family."

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And in the boudoir, "I wanted a tranquil feeling, so I used cool colors — blues and greens," said Ivey.

PERSONAL TOUCHES A funky, tall-backed chair in orange velvet sits in the living room like a mod throne. "My parents bought it when they got married," said Ivey. "It reminds me of my family, and people who have sat in it." With racy, wine-colored shades, a pair of her grandmother's lamps got a new lease on light in the bedroom.

Other artful, personal touches: Ivey hung necklaces on the wall, reupholstered a chair with a silk scarf of her mother's and decked her fireplace mantel with dolls she bought on a Carribbean cruise.

GETTING CRAFTY Ivey made her own headboard, combining denim with pleather. The faux leather also covers the end tables, which flank the bed. "I was thinking of an outfit, maybe one that combined jeans with a neat purse," she said.

KRISTYN IVEY

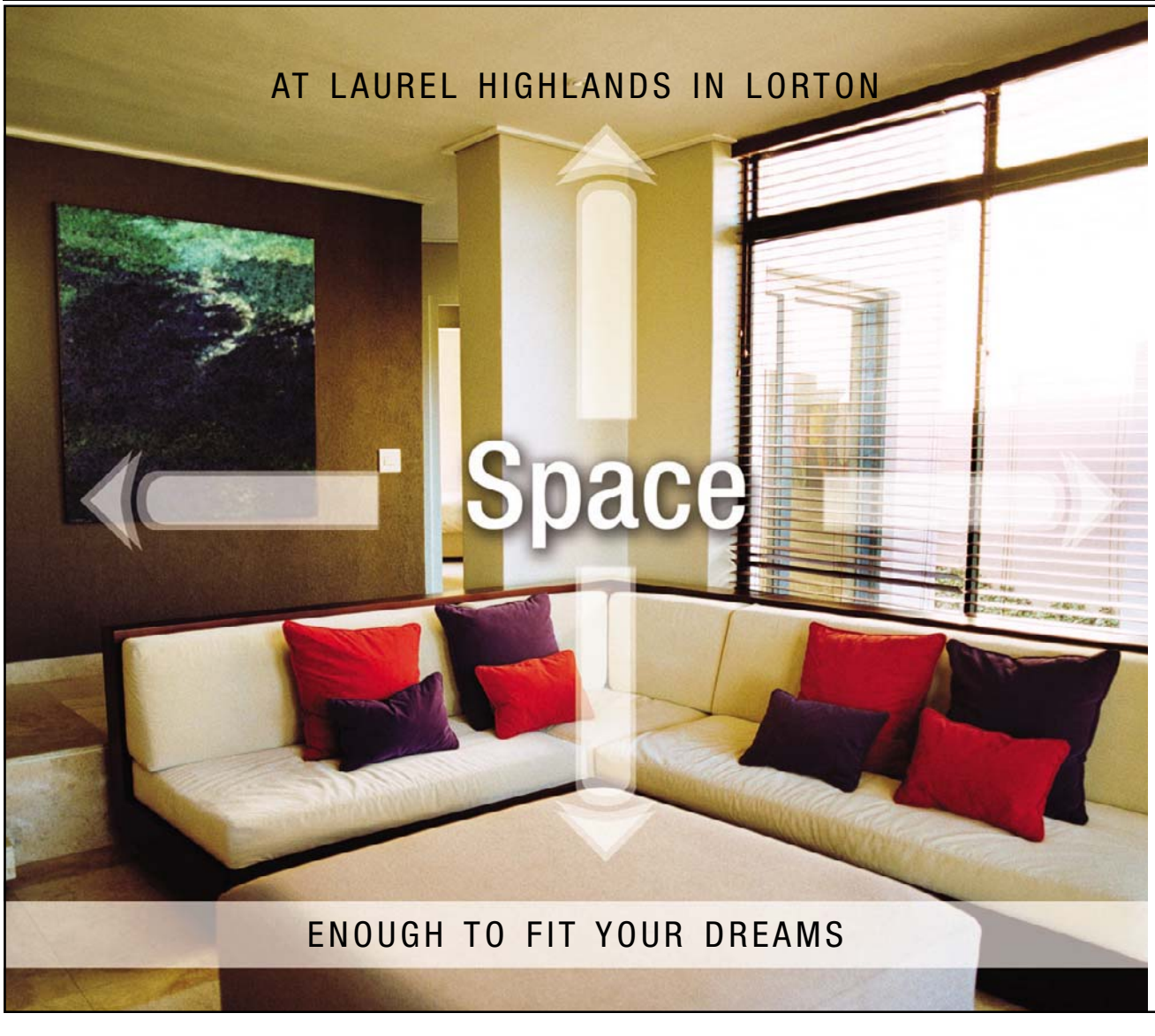
SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF THIS: Stencils on the celadon green wall, white lamps that once belonged to Ivey's grandmother and a stylin' headboard made of pleather and printed denim create an unusual, boutique-hotel look in the bedroom.

Inspired by HGTV, Ivey stained square pieces of plywood different colors and hung them in a grid pattern in her dining area.

SPENDING AND SAVING "To get an eclectic look, I mixed bargain pieces with more expensive items," said Ivey. For example, the spiffy khaki sofa comes from Ethan Allen (ethanallen.com), but the vibrant, ethnic-looking throw draped over it was a Pier 1 (pier1.com) steal. She scored the exotic lantern hanging over the orange chair at Marshalls. The curvy drawer pulls and bathroom sink top were eBay deals.

HOME SWEET CONDO Now that she's created such a welcoming nest, Ivey said, "I throw parties, I work from home in my office — I basically do everything here. It's a nice place to relax after working all day."

➜ *Do you have a rad pad? Send digital photos to photo@readexpress.com, subject line "my rad pad." We might feature your place in an upcoming issue.*



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Insider Spading

No yard, no problem! These garden goods suit tiny spaces

Where do these trendy, bite-sized burgers come from? Why, from Weber's "Baby Q" gas grill, of course. Measuring a mere 27 inches across, this petite heat-maker would fit on a skinny balcony, or heck, even a fire escape — not that we'd ever, ever advocate breaking any condo-board rules. **($129, LLBEAN.COM)**

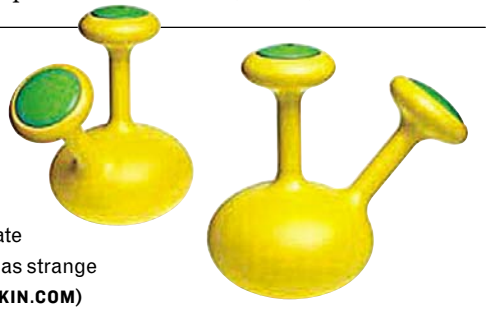
Apartment 3-D

"There's something nice about putting your feet up in a bit of greenery after a day in the city," says venerable landscape designer John Brookes, who recently released the weensy-space green thumb guide "Small Garden" ($20, DK). "You can do things that are lush even in the smallest spots." Whether your "garden" is a window box or an itsy-bitsy townhouse patio, Brookes suggests growing things "that are lush and generous. A few big plants — a pot with a white oleander or a mimosa — look better than a million little bits. Just keep it simple."

Designers, big-box stores and nurseries seem to dig the need for smaller, more urban gardening products. "People are looking at outdoor spaces as something to decorate, even if they've just got a terrace or a sunny window," says Joe Carmack, owner of 14th Street's Garden District. "I encourage customers to think beyond flowers to things with structure, like evergreen shrubs in colorful pots." Paul Berkowitz of Frederick, Md.'s Great Stuff By Paul (greatstuffbypaul.com) sells indoor gardeners unusual, often antique vessels — Chinese troughs, metal sap buckets and children's bathtubs — that make eye-catching cachepots. "Why go get a brand-new, plastic-looking flowerpot, when you can get something that's a great-looking conversation starter?" he said.

And nesters can summon a greenhouse vibe without planting a single seed. Meant-for-alfresco furniture — wrought-iron chairs, rustic picnic tables — pairs gracefully with more formal, indoor pieces. Just add a vase of flowers or a long-blooming orchid and voila! — insta-garden, no weeding or potting required. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

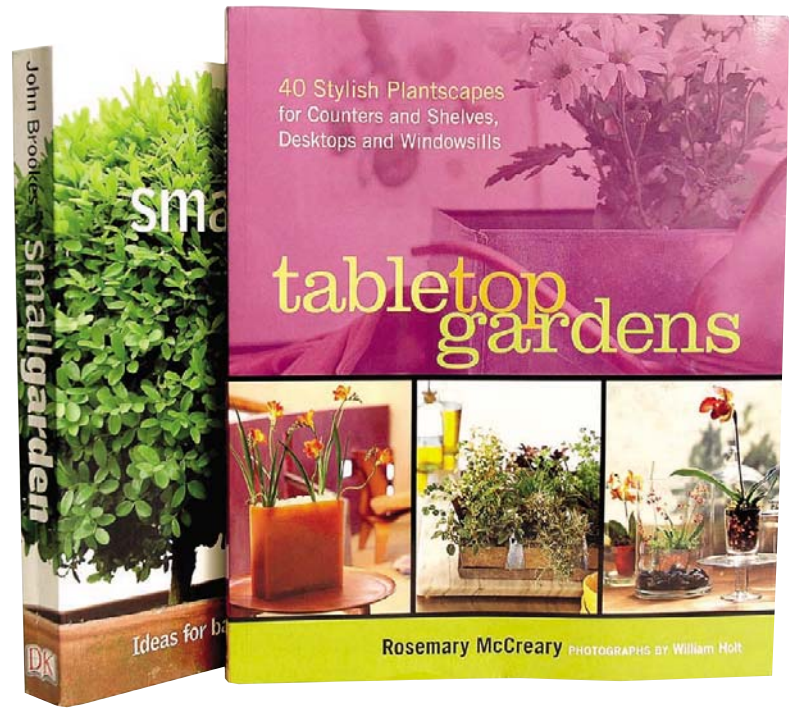
Mad Mats look like Oriental rugs, but they're made of recycled plastic. "They look great on decks, and you can literally hose them off," said Homebody co-owner Erin Mara, who sells the fringed wonders in 3" x 6" and 5" x 8" sizes. **($30 AND $75, HOMEBODY, 715 8TH ST. SE; 202-544-8445)**



Nope, these aren't alien life forms. They're high-style watering cans by Berlin-born, London-educated designer Jerszy Seymour. Use them to irrigate plants, or just think of them as strange sculptures. **($76, ORANGESKIN.COM)**

Living

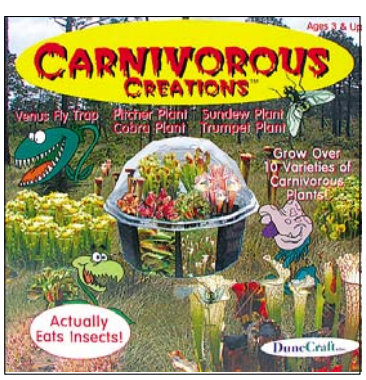
Plant these miniature stakes in a wee garden, or use them to prop up a wayward orchid. Made by hepcat Los Angeles design studio Not Neutral, these sure-to-pick-you-up sticks come in colorfully enameled metal. The tallest one is just 15 inches high. **($46, TABLETOP, 1608 20TH ST. NW; 202-387-7117; TABLETOPDC.COM)**



Armchair gardeners can gain inspiration from John Brookes' **"SMALL GARDENS" ($20, DK)** with its aspirational green spaces. (A Notting Hill patio! What must be a movie star's deck in L.A.!) DIY projects — an herb topiary and an orchid terrarium — fill Rosemary McCreary's **"TABLETOP GARDENS." ($17, STOREY)**

This lion statue looks as if it's been king of the garden for eons, but that mossy finish is faux. It could guard a townhouse garden or condo foyer. "Make the most of small spaces with one focal point like a statue or fountain," says Smith & Hawken spokeswoman Noelle Smith. **($69, SMITHANDHAWKEN.COM)**

Darling, we feel for you, what with that Greek villa remaining just out of financial reach. Summon classical style in more humble digs with this stone-fiberglass urn table, which can withstand Med-fierce sun outdoors, or look spiffy as a wine bar inside. **($295, FRONTGATE.COM)**



Plants that just drink water are so wimpy! Grow your own carnivorous stock, including pitcher plants, Venus fly traps and cobra lilies, with Dunecraft's slightly creepy dome kit. Once sprouted, your little green monsters should dine on flies and other pests, like nature's own bug zappers. **($25, DUNECRAFT.COM)**

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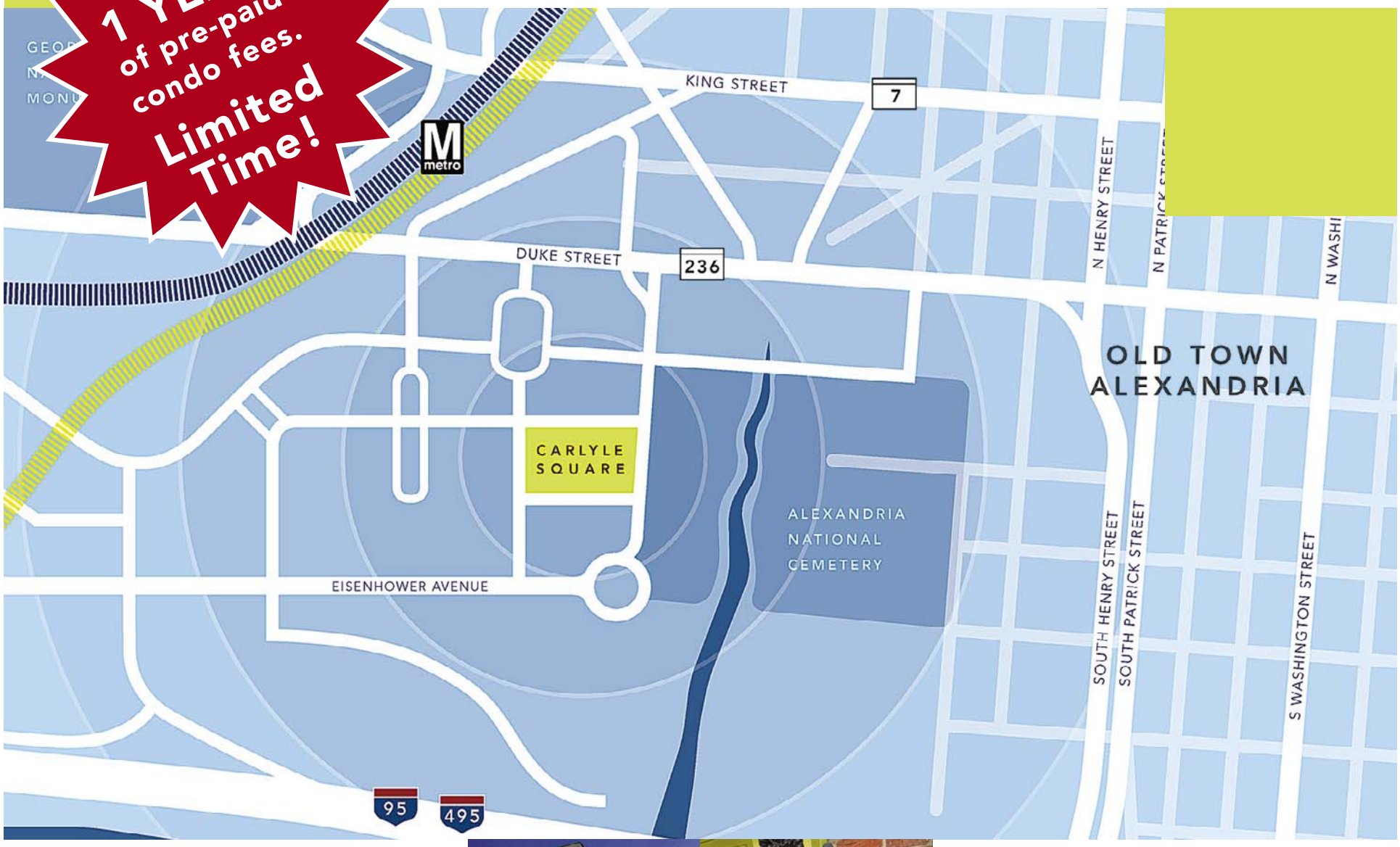

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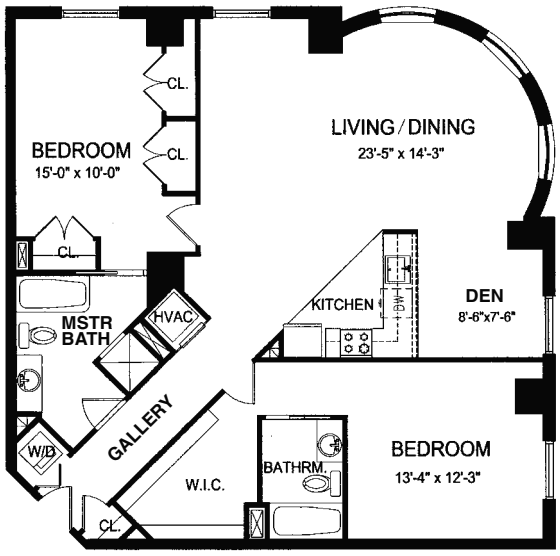

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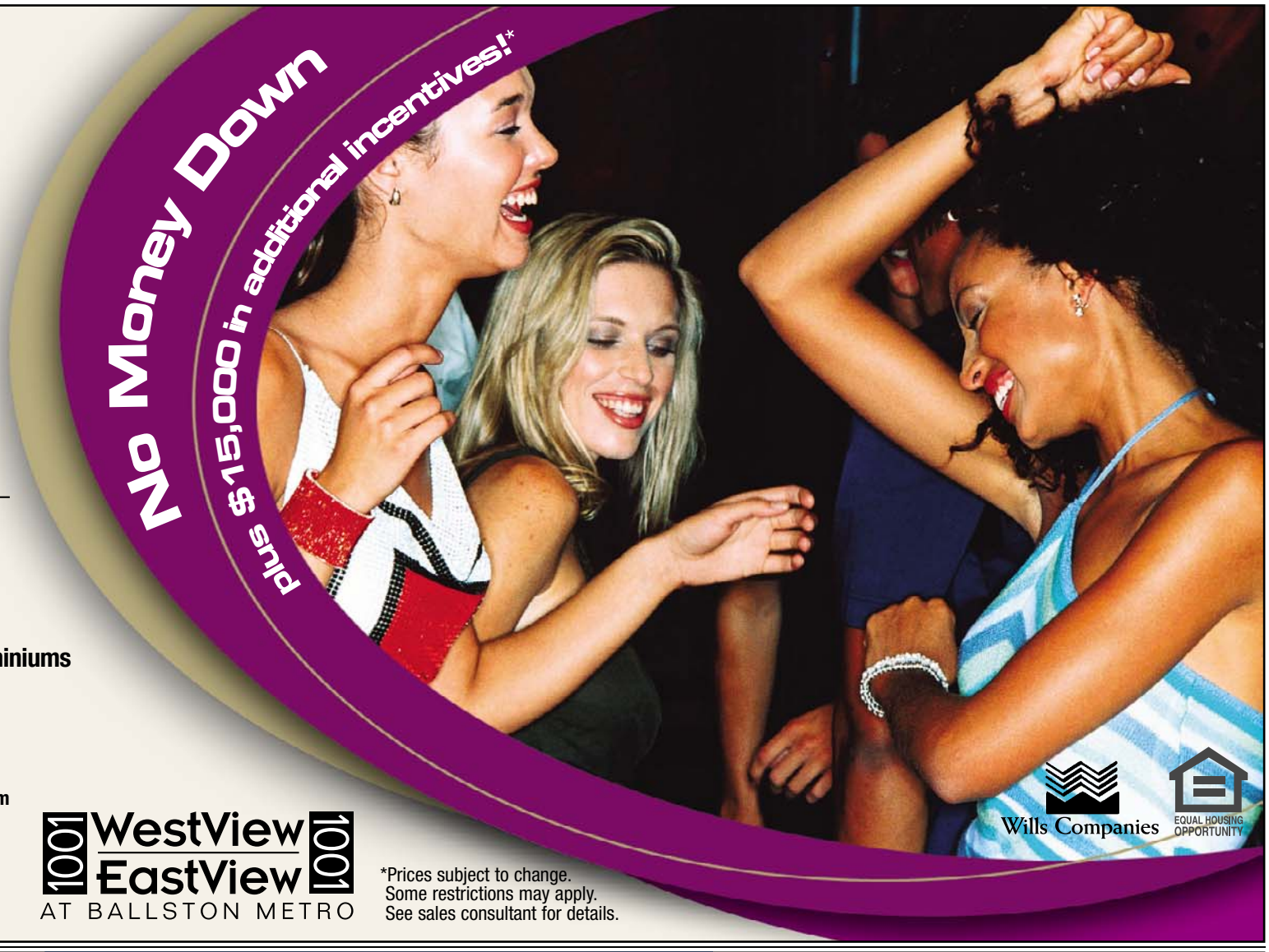

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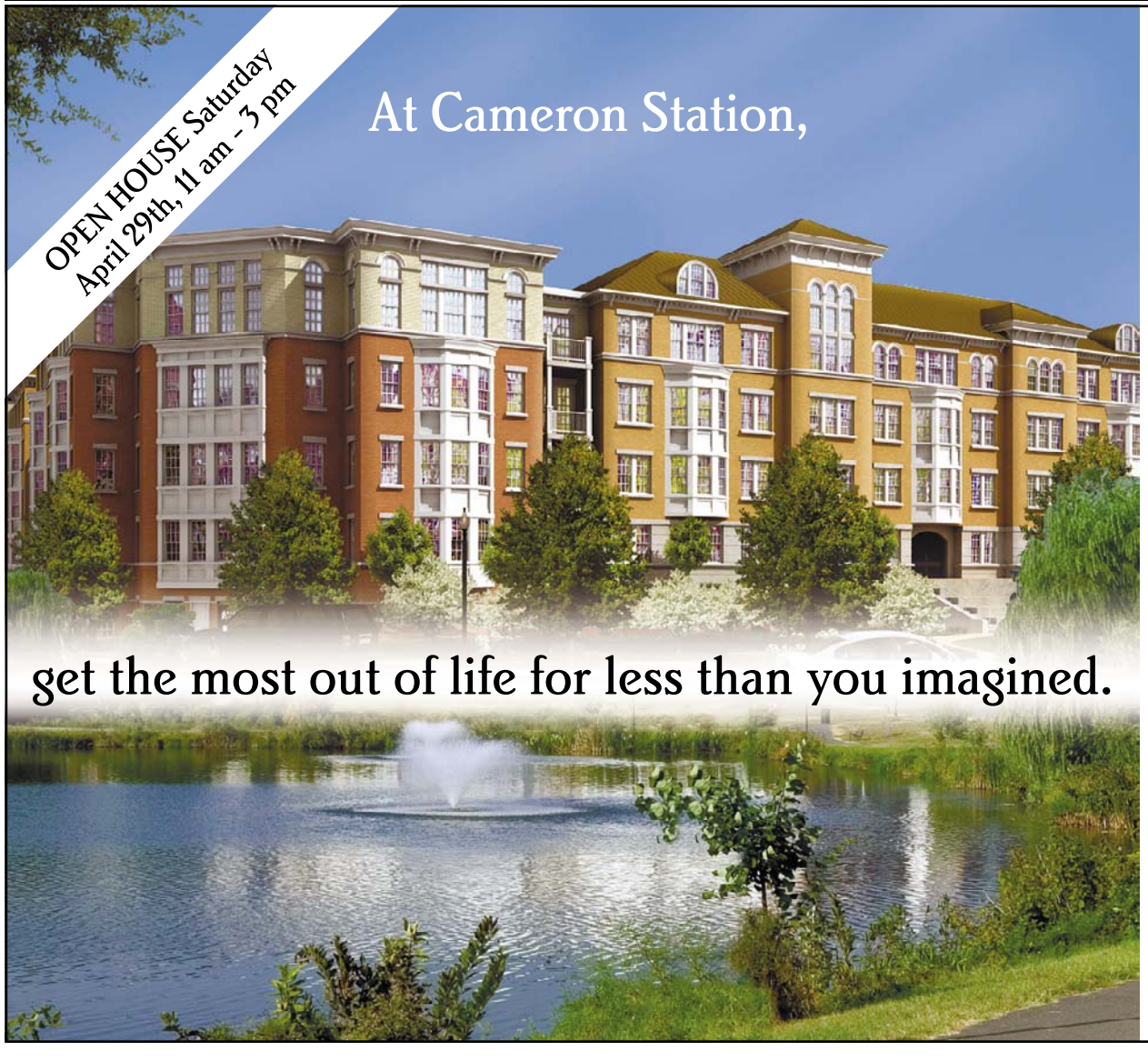

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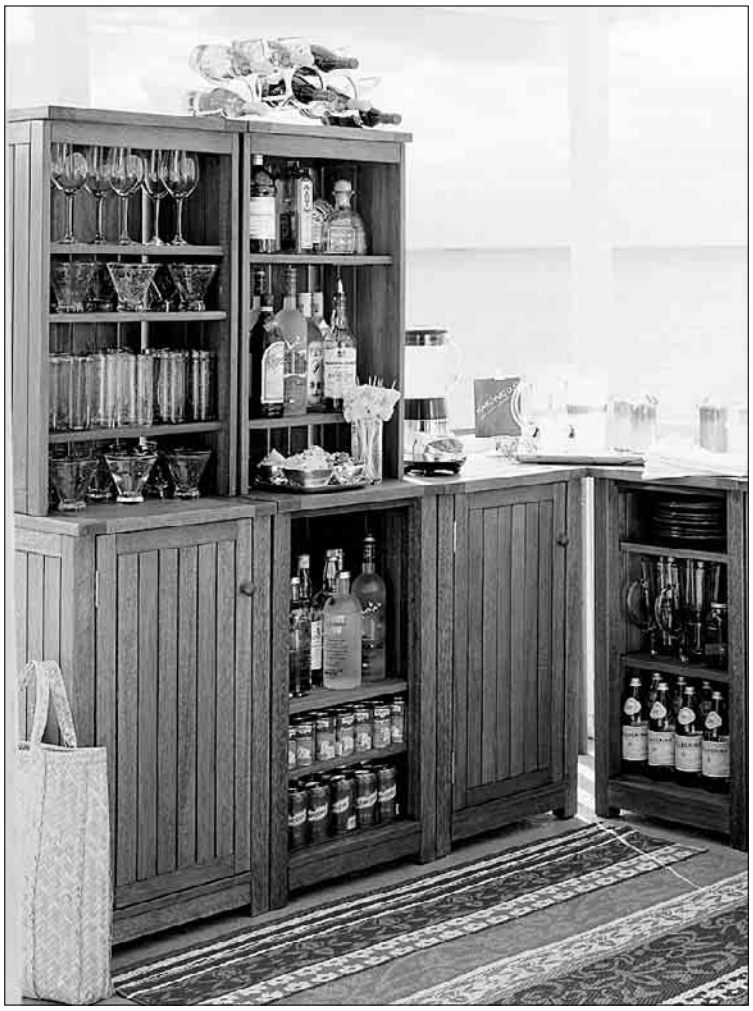

Retailers are creating furniture suitable for exterior spaces, from balconies to backyards. These element-resisting cabinets and rugs come from Pottery Barn.

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The exterior furniture market experiences a major growth spurt

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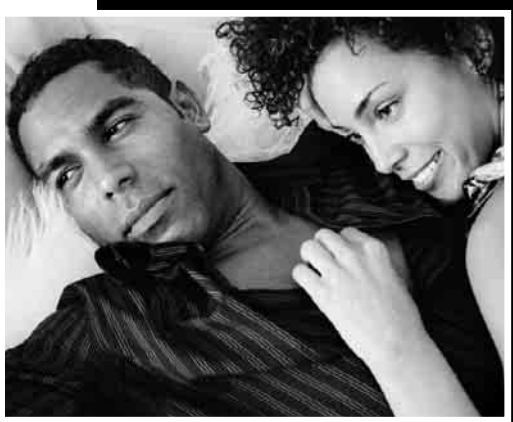

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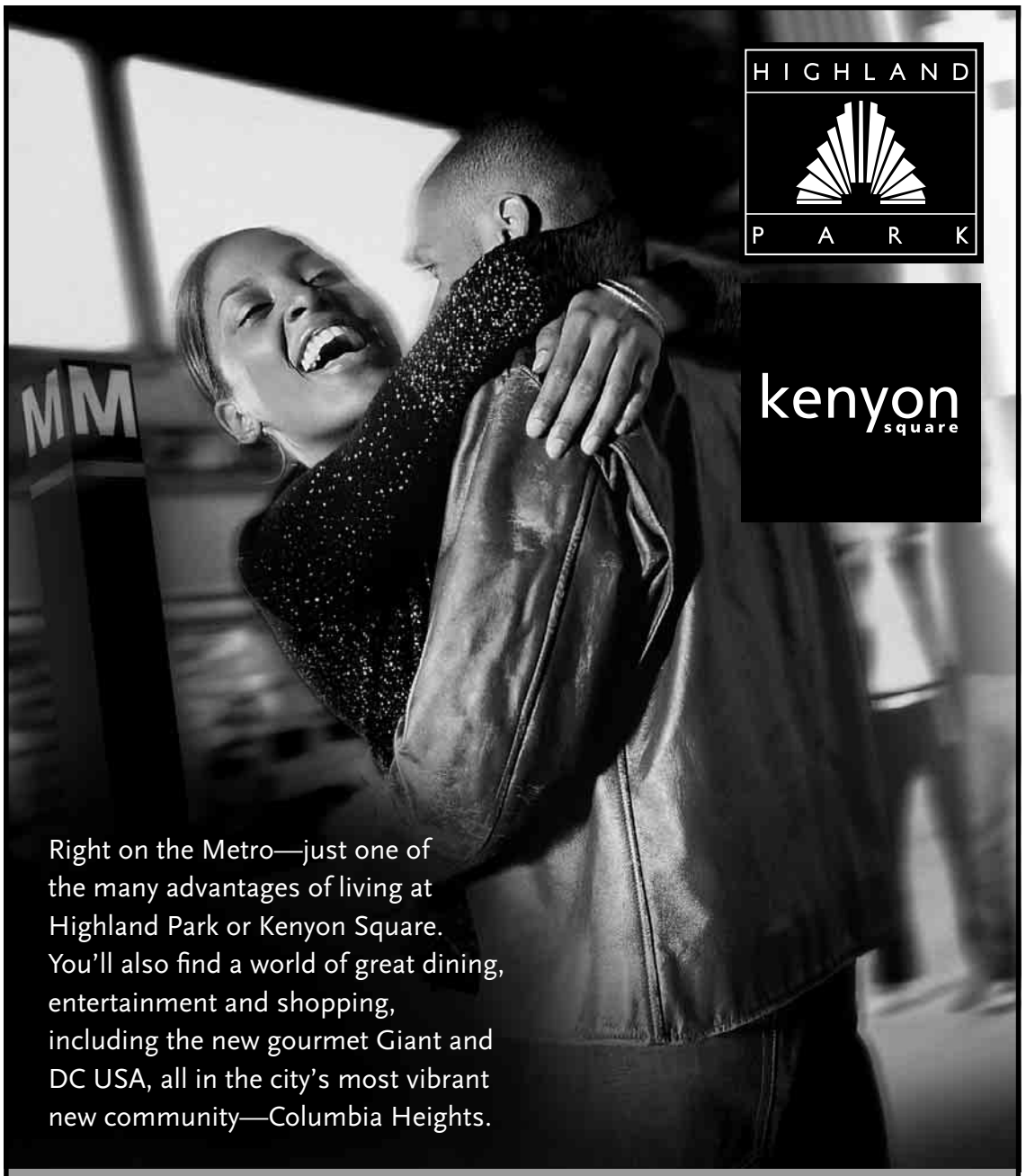

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proof lampshades. Works of art — landscapes, seascapes, botanicals, abstracts — treated to withstand sun, rain, pollen and bird poop.

"It's fashion driven. Manufacturers recognize that consumers want their outdoor spaces as stylish and fashionable as their indoor spaces," says Pat Bowling, communications director for the American Home Furnishings Alliance in High Point, N.C., which represents more than 200 of the nation's leading furniture makers and suppliers.

Much has changed in the past decade or so, when outdoor furniture basically meant "a round table, four chairs, cushions and an umbrella," says Bowling, who pegged annual retail sales in 1994 at about $2 billion. By 2004, sales had more than doubled to about $4.7 billion.

The biggest outdoor furnishings purchases are made by so-called "lifers," those over 45 who have been in their homes more than 16 years, says Gary McCray, vice president of Laneventure, the North Carolina-based indoor and outdoor furniture company. But the availability of high style in lower-priced goods is luring younger "new nesters" into the market. Outdoor rugs are the fastest-growing category, he says.

Women still do most of the buying, although men go for grills and fire pits. Climate has little impact on sales, according to Laneventure's home lifestyle report, due out this month.

Responding to national demand, makers of outdoor furnishings have pressed to develop hardy and handsome all-weather materials such as vinyl wicker and rattan, molded plastic and cast aluminum. Natural wicker, a favorite since granny's granny rocked on the porch, is vulnerable to the elements; new plastic counterparts look so convincing they require a touch test to tell the difference.

> "People are thinking about the outdoors as a three-season room."
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> ANTHONY WILDER
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That has made faux wicker "one of the strongest parts of the market today," says Becky Boswell Smith, editor of Casual Living, a monthly trade publication that tracks outdoor furnishings. "It's a tradition-

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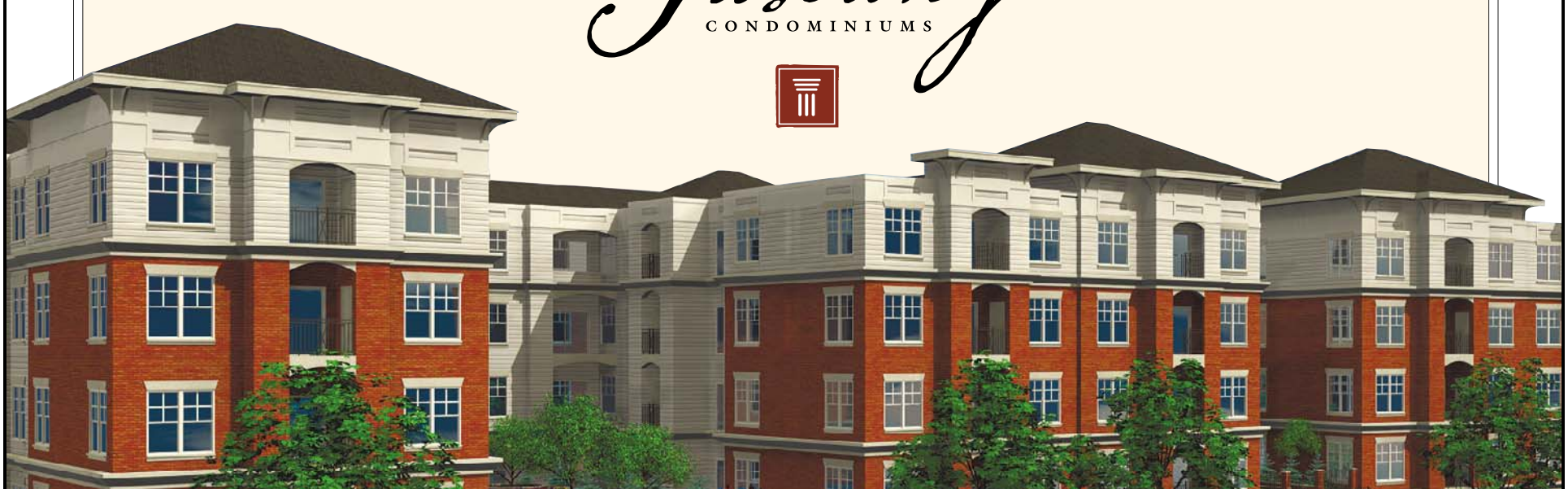

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Outdoor "rooms" incorporate garden elements and comfortable furniture. This space by Charles L. Owen is at the Washington Design Center through June 24.

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al look, and American homes still favor traditional and transitional looks."

Textiles, too, have evolved. A decade or so ago, outdoor fabric was stiff and serviceable, available in just a handful of colors. Today's soft, weatherproof yard goods — pioneered by Sunbrella, a brand anchored in boating fabrics — now come in chic florals, prints and solids worthy of pricey interior upholstery.

Exterior floor decor, once limited to doormats, has morphed into rugs made of bamboo strips, ebony tile, and natural or synthetic fibers in vivid hues and neutrals, meant to tie the whole space together.

It helps that the accessories come in all price ranges. Lower-end pieces are found in supermarkets, discount chains and furniture stores, while high-end goods are sold through upscale catalogues or only to design professionals in showrooms closed to the public.

Even the basic table-and-chair combination has been dramatically diversified.

"You've got your bar and balcony heights for people who live in condos and want to be able to see over the protective railings," says Bowling. Conventional-height dining tables are long enough to handle 8 to 10 chairs for those with lots of room outdoors. They often come with matching furniture, including coffee tables with a built-in fire pit or a drink chiller.

But for sheer accessory glut, nothing beats the humble umbrella pole. Clip-on add-ons include rechargeable lights that aim down to illuminate dinner or up to create a mood; a fan to circulate air; citronella candleholders to repel bugs; a vase for flowers; and a server for chips and dip.

"People are thinking about the outdoors as a three-season room," says Anthony Wilder, who heads Anthony Wilder Design/Build in Cabin John. "I just think people are ready for a more relaxed version of themselves."

> "Maybe the next big thing **will be storage containers for all this stuff."**
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Interior designer Annette Hannon of Burke, who created an elegant outdoor room at last year's National Symphony Orchestra decorator show house, has mixed feelings about exterior overload.

She cheers the fact that "fabrics have just exploded. They are very user-friendly and the colors are amazing." Ditto for rugs, "which can make an area look dressy, especially with graduation parties and wedding showers coming up." But Hannon also laments the gadget boom. Mosquito zappers and large fireplaces "have gone too far."

There is also the looming issue of where to put those accessories come winter.

"Maybe the next big thing," muses Casual Living's Smith, "will be storage containers for all this stuff." ANNIE GROER (WASHINGTON POST)

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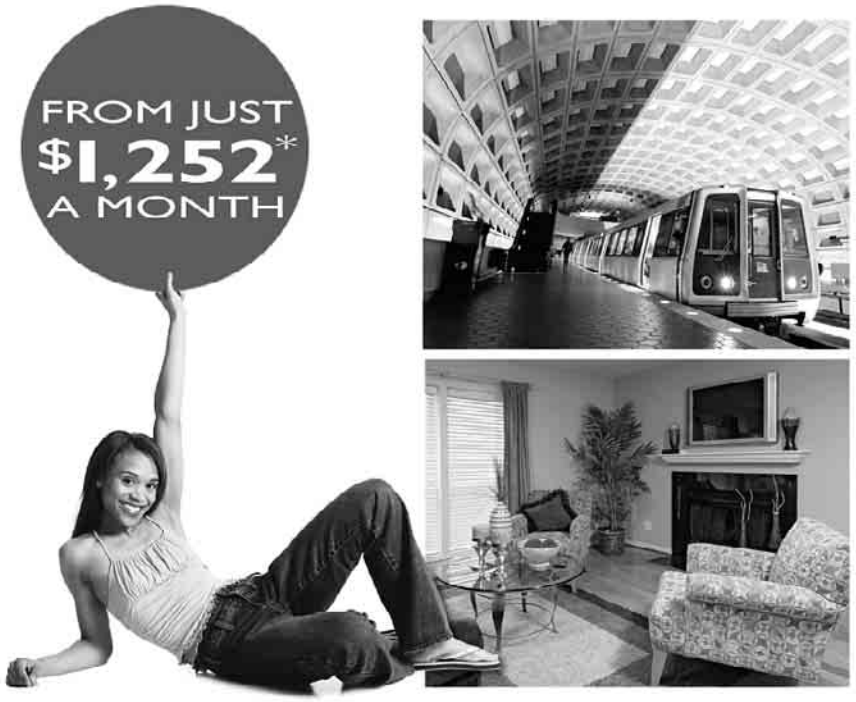

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Now more than ever, the Hill bustles with amenities like restaurants of every flavor, coffee shops, bars (Irish, martini, sports, to name a few), gyms, a dance studio and shops peddling home furnishings, yarn, pets, gifts, cameras, books and clothing.

But as the Hill loses some of its edginess and grit and becomes attractive to more buyers, condo prices have shot up accordingly.

"Last year we were looking at prices in the $300 to $400 per square foot range for new condos," Shapiro said. "This year, it is more like $500 to $600, sometimes more for new construction. That's not including condo fees. So the obvious downside to this is that you're hard-pressed to find anything livable under $200,000. That's tough for first-time buyers."

Nevertheless, there is no dearth of takers. Two large condo projects currently under construction have sparked interest for people new to the Hill — some singles, some young couples, some empty-nesters.

"This area has been long neglected, and hopefully this will spur development farther east," said John Beggert, development manager at JPI, whose Jenkins Row project at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue SE will include 247 luxury condos, a Harris Teeter grocery store and additional retail establishments. Beggert said the first condos will be ready late in the summer of 2007, and fewer than 10 units are still available. The condos include underground parking and a shared roof terrace. Prices start at $300,000 for studios and over $1 million for three bedroom apartments.

> "Capitol Hill has always **been a living, walking, working neighborhood."**
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The 'hood's other large development is Senate Square at 3rd and H streets NE, behind Union Station, at the site of the former Capital Children's Museum. The project is being developed jointly by Abdo Development, the company behind the 45-loft historic renovation section (called Landmark Lofts), and Broadway Management, which is developing 480 condos in a section of new construction (called the Lexington and Concord buildings).

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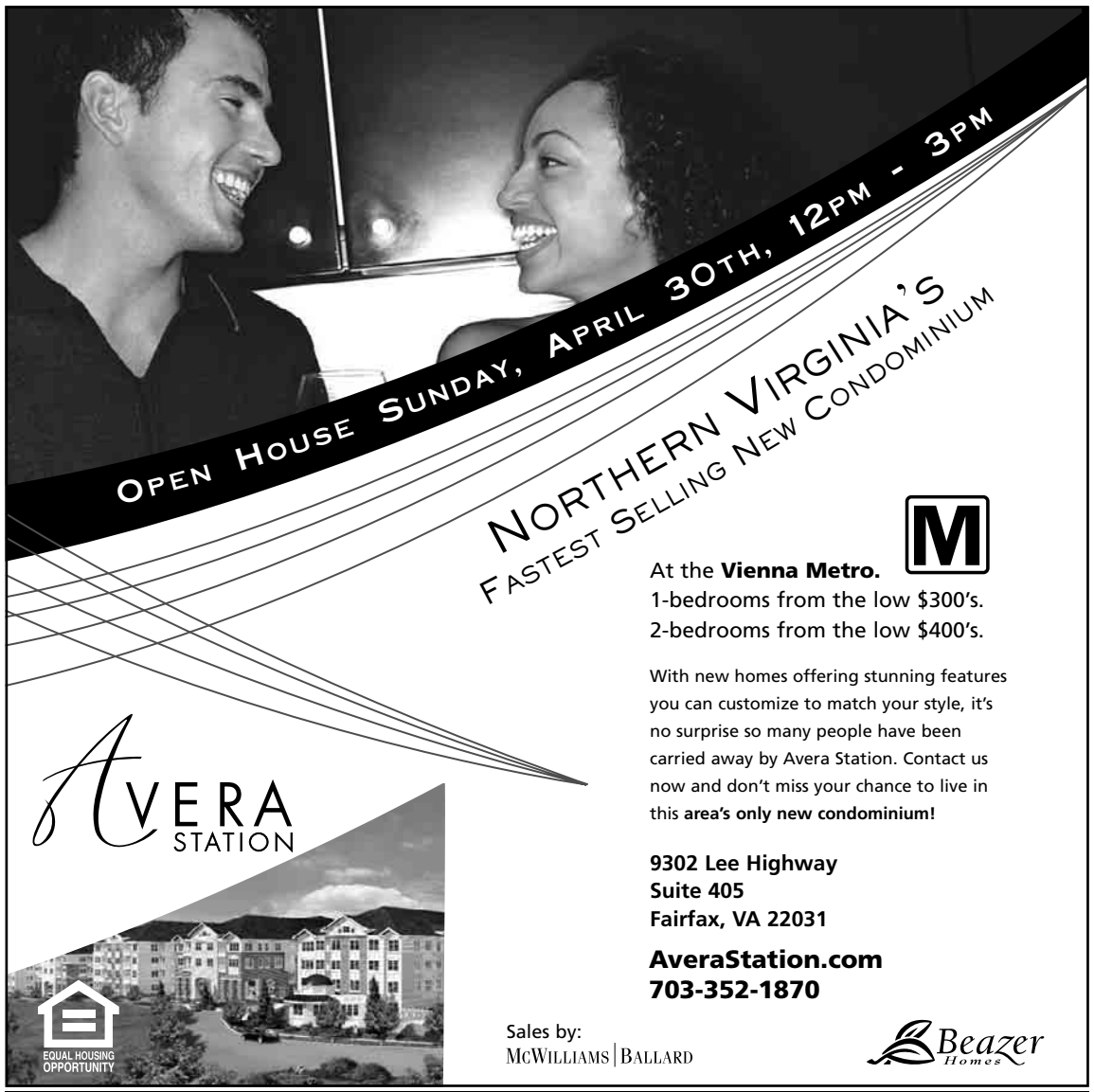

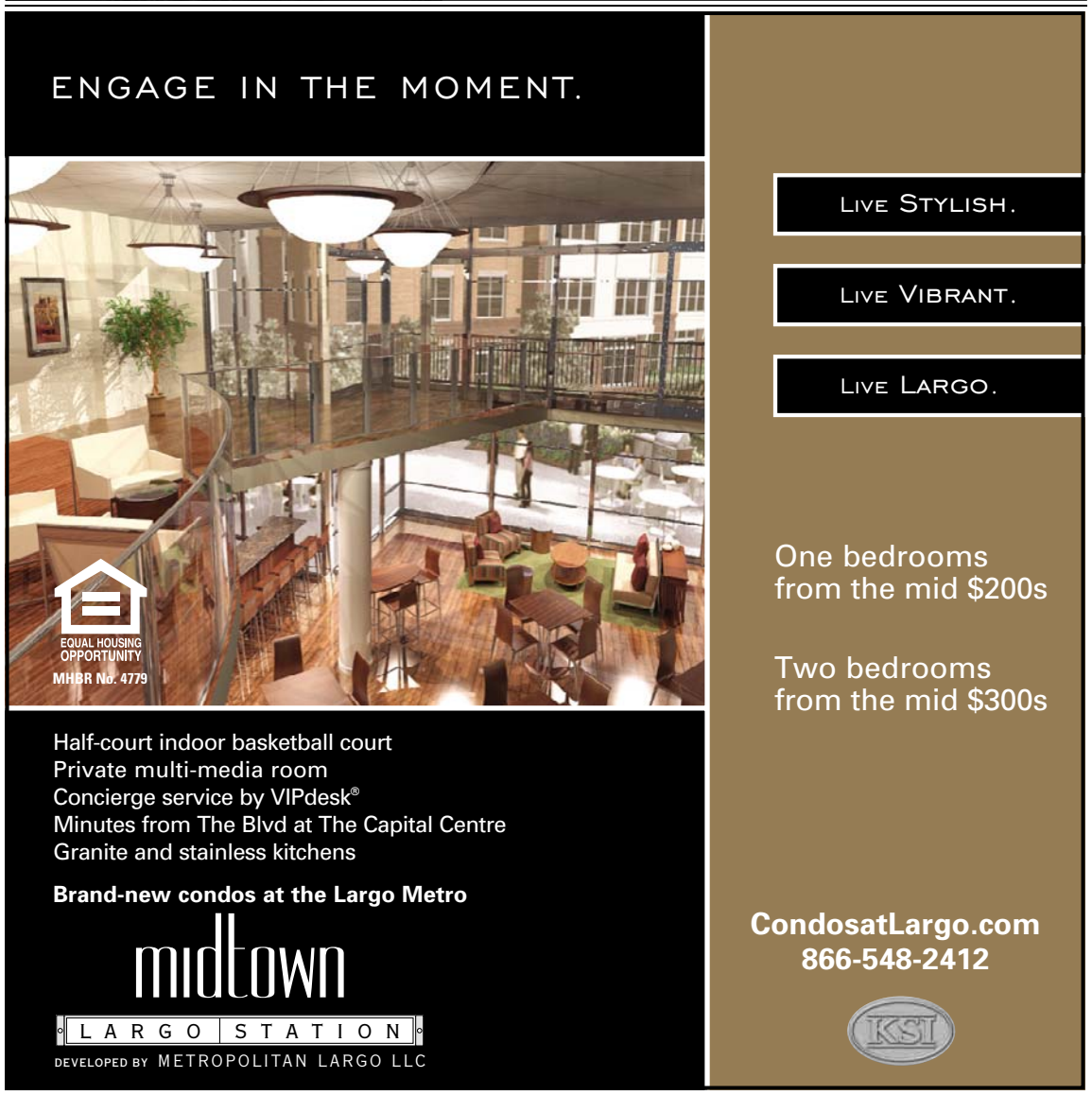

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On weekends, vendors outside historic Eastern Market sell flowers, crafts and farm produce. Weekdays (except Mondays), a bustling food market operates.

Going for Groceries And More

In the next 18 months, Hill Rats (the affectionate term for area residents) will get several new options for grocery shopping. Harris Teeter will open on Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street SE as part of the Jenkins Row development in late 2007, and in the next several months, Marvelous Market is slated to open a gourmet food shop on 7th Street, just north of Pennsylvania Avenue.

But Eastern Market (7th and C streets SE; easternmarket.net) — the 133-year-old red brick public market that sells everything from tulips to tollhouse cookies, prawns to pig ears — remains a sentimental and sensory favorite. "My friends around Dupont and Adams Morgan come to visit me on weekends because they want my market," said Julianna Caplan, a public relations executive who lives in a condo on A Street NE.

Eastern Market draws big crowds on the weekend, when vendors hawk crafts and flowers outdoors. But it's also open every other day except for Mondays, and locals like the small-town feel of the merchants inside. Caplan says she often visits the "cheese guy" and the butcher at the Market. "I love going there after work and talking to the butcher about how to make a good beef stew," she said. "He walks me through it, and he's literally giving me his mother's recipe. You can't do that at Safeway." M.D.G.K.

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The Landmark Lofts are located in 130-year-old buildings that held the Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Elderly until the 1970s. Condos will be equipped with Sub-Zero refrigerators and Wolf ranges, and they are selling from $700,000 to more than $1 million. The new construction condos range in price from $300,000 to over $1 million.

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Millman said he is watching new businesses open on H Street NE, like the dance studio Joy of Motion and the Jamaican restaurant Phish Tea. He expects a grocery store to open near Senate Square. "Union Station has been drawing tourists," he said, "but as H Street develops, residents will be taking advantage of all its shops and restaurants."

Although most of the condos under construction on the Hill tend to be new, part of the allure of the area — that historic character and charm — comes across in existing buildings.

Condo conversion developments include Abdo's Bryan School Lofts at 1315 Independence Ave. SE, a 100-year-old school that was converted into 20 luxury units with an average size of 2,200 square feet each, and the Lovejoy Lofts at 400 12th St. NE, also in a converted schoolhouse. The latter boasts 54 one- and two-bedroom units ranging from 870 to 1,300 square feet. Also pop-

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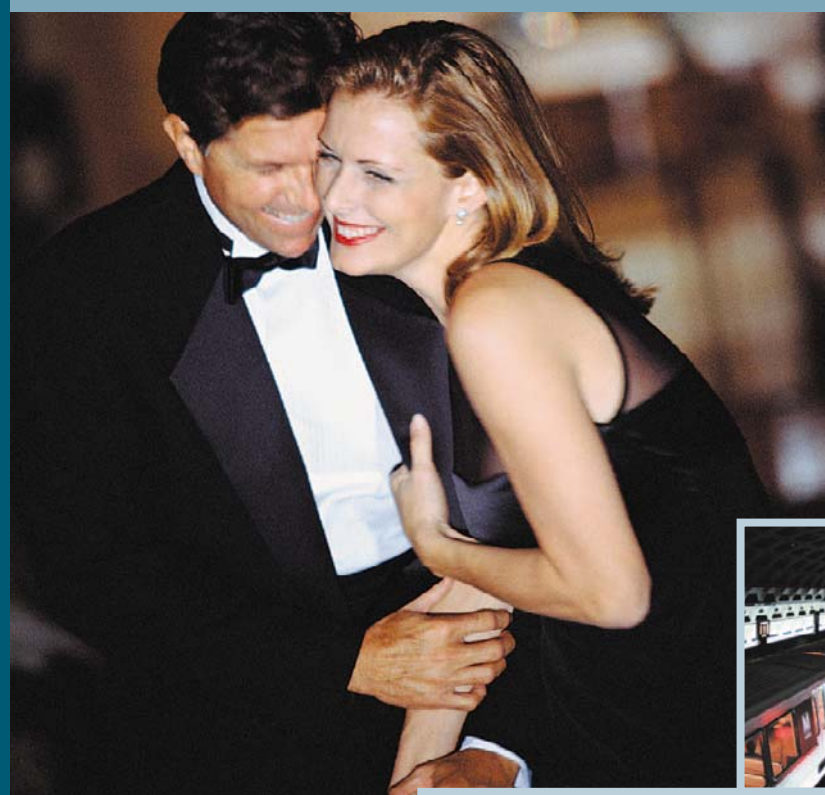

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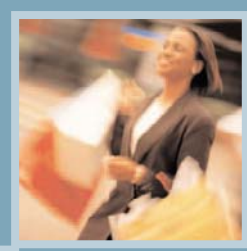

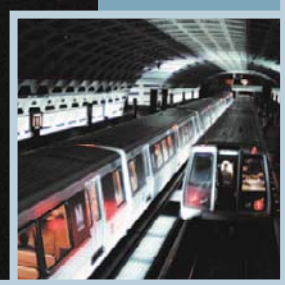

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ular: the Car Barn, an 1896 streetcar depot and repair shop that encompasses 146 units, including one- and two-bedroom condos and 50 two-bedroom townhomes.

Some residents like living on the Hill because it's convenient if they work at or near the Capitol. But others love the neighborhood for its historic, tree-lined streets and brick sidewalks. Also appealing: the small-town feel of commercial corridors like Barracks Row along 8th Street SE and the Eastern Market area on 7th Street SE.

There's no shortage of cultural attractions, either. Residents can attend plays and check out exhibits on the Bard at the Folger Shakespeare Library, see movies and attend readings at the Library of Congress or take in

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NESTING INSTINCTS: Barracks Row offers hip decor stores including Homebody, left, (715 8th St. SE; 202-544-8445) and Alvear Studio (705 8th St. SE; 202-546-8434).

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Washington Nationals ball games and D.C. United soccer matches at RFK Stadium. Other happenings: summer parades at the Marine Barracks, performing arts at the Atlas Theater on H Street, films at Union Station and Second Saturday, a monthly promotion on 8th Street when Barracks Row shops and galleries stay open later and offer drinks and happenings.

There are many reasons to stay on the Hill, but when folks want to leave, that's convenient, too. Amtrak trains depart from Union Station; there are five neighborhood Metro stations (Capitol South, Eastern Market, Potomac Avenue, Stadium-Armory and Union Station); and Virginia is only minutes away by car via 395 South.

Julianna Caplan said one of the reasons she and her husband decided to buy a place in the Car Barn two years ago was its affordable price tag ($475,000). She also thinks Hill condos "aren't high-rise and cookie cutter." Caplan, a public relations executive, said she also liked the fact that you enter their two-bedroom townhome right from the street. "We didn't want a doorman and a fancy lobby. This feels more private."

Caplan, who has Washington Nationals season tickets and can walk to home games, said she also enjoys the Hill's diverse population. "You can tell from the stuff at yard sales —this area is hipper and more diverse than Northwest."

Among her favorite haunts: Murky Coffee (660 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-546-5228; murkycoffee.com), the newish, Cali-cool Sonoma Restaurant and Wine Bar (223 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-544-8088; sonomadc.com,) and, near RFK Stadium, the retro, year-old Trusty's Full-Service Bar (1420 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-547-1010).

For Beth Blaufuss, an administrator at a private school in Prince George's County, the Hill remains diverse, but not as much as when she bought her Lincoln Park condo in 1999. "I liked the fact that it was a mixed-income neighborhood at the time," she said. "I'm the mix now."

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> **JULIANNA CAPLAN**
> CAPITOL HILL RESIDENT

Blaufuss still loves the area, because there are always people around (though the sidewalks aren't packed) and it's still possible to find parking. She hangs out at Firehook Bakery (215 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-544-7003) and Starbucks (237 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-544-9783), where she sits upstairs and

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MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

Dog owners who join Congressional Cemetery's popular "Canine Corps" can let their pets run free for a small fee. Money collected goes toward graveyard upkeep.

Sniffing Around The Hill

If you're a District dog, 20002 or 20003 might very well be your ZIP code. One of the top attractions: Congressional Cemetery (1801 E St. SE; congressionalcemetery.org), a burial ground on the bank of the Anacostia River that served as the first de facto national cemetery.

The historic graveyard — final resting place for folks like John Philip Sousa and Civil War shutterbug Mathew Brady — allows pooches to romp on its 33 acres if their owners pay a $40-per-Fido fee and make a donation (usually $125 a year) to the cemetery.

About 300 people and 400 odd dogs belong to Congressional's "Canine Corps." Their payments go toward cemetery upkeep and restoration, but, says cemetery manager Tom Kelly, "the fact is, the presence of dog-walkers has improved things, we have less vandalism and the walkers volunteer to do things like plant trees."

Dogs also dig Lincoln Park (East Capitol St. between 11th and 13th streets), which is surrounded by gorgeous 19th-century Victorian homes and has plenty of grass.

Several restaurants along the two-block stretch of Barracks Row on 8th Street have sidewalk seating, including Old Siam, Banana Cafe, Belga Cafe, World Cafe, Finn MacCool's, Starfish Cafe, Marty's and Las Placitas. This means Spot can lounge on the warm bricking, keeping his paws crossed that someone will drop a nacho or fry.

Pet supply boutiques thrive here, too — no surprise in this dog-mad neighborhood. They include Chateau Animaux, formerly called Doolittle's (524 8th St. SE; 202-544-8710; doolittles.com) and Pawticular's (407 8th St. SE; 202-546-7387; pawticulars.com). And really lucky dogs may find a chicken bone waiting for them next door, outside Popeye's. M.D.G.K.

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works in what she calls the Capitol Hill Study Hall. Another favorite: Frager's Hardware (1115 Pennsylvania Ave.; 202-543-6157), which carries all sorts of things to help furnish a condo. "If you need it, they have it," Blaufuss said.

Denise D'Amour, co-owner of Hoopla Traders (733 8th St. SE; 202-544-3620; hooplatraders.com) and Capitol Hill Bikes (709 8th St. SE; 202-544-4234; capitolhillbikes.com), has lived on the Hill since 1989. She's seen a huge change in the area. "When we opened the bike shop, everyone told us to lock things up," she said. "We didn't heed that advice. We wanted to send a message. We had everything out in the open."

She said today there's a lot more pedestrian traffic, and people come from other neighborhoods to shop. Quite a difference from four years ago, when Hoopla opened. "We took the building over from a tattoo parlor," she said, "that kept pit bulls in the basement." MELANIE D.G. KAPLAN

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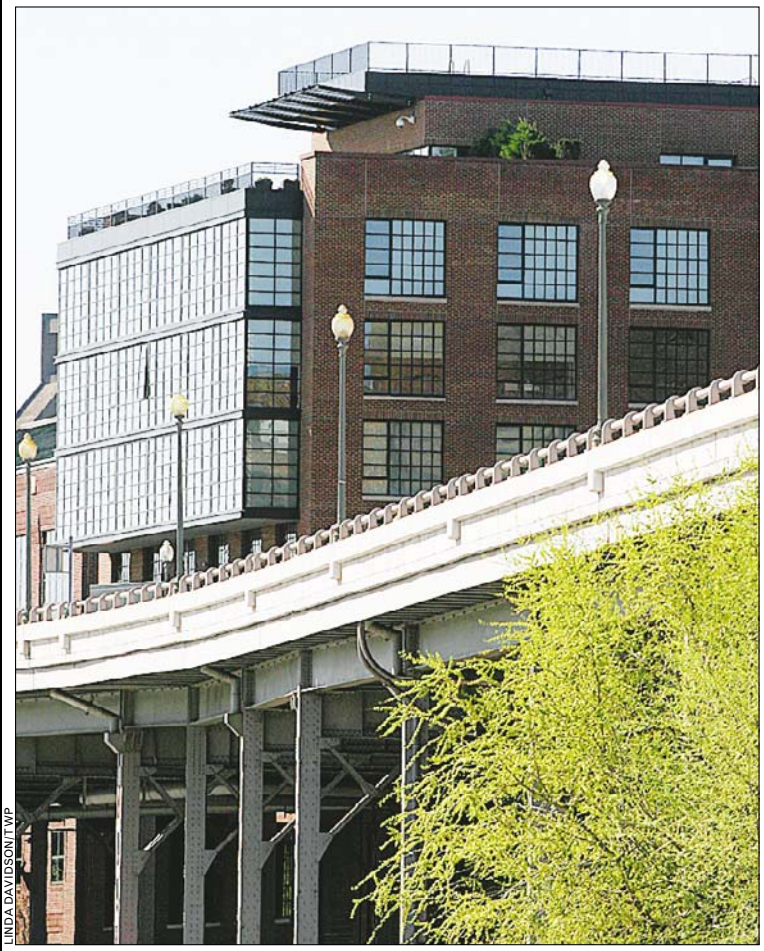

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Miami Beach resident Mark Goode, who commutes to D.C. twice a week for business, is renting — and thinking of buying — a condo in this Georgetown building.

2nd Nests In the City

Part-time residents and the affluent fuel a pied-à-terre boom

Film producer Randy Auerbach just bought a one-bedroom condo in the District that will serve as an East Coast bookend to her pink cottage near Beverly Hills. Babak Fouladi, a George Washington University alumnus, added a condo in Northwest to go with his flat in London. And Mark Goode, head of an insurance investment company, is planning to buy something in Georgetown but is not quite ready to give up his place on Miami Beach.

What's going on? Isn't investing in real estate passé, *so* 2005?

Auerbach and the rest aren't speculators angling to make a quick profit amid a tapering housing boom. They are part of a growing group of second-home owners in a real estate market teeming with house-rich consumers and affluent baby boomers — and they plan to use the properties themselves as pied-à-terres.

A pied-à-terre (that's French for foot on the ground) is usually a smallish home-away-from-home, owned by someone who wants a city place to live in part-time.

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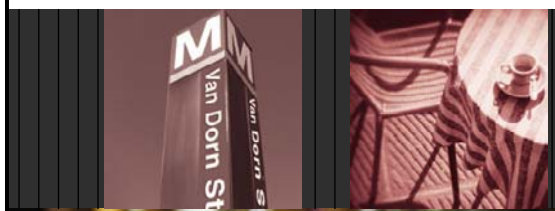

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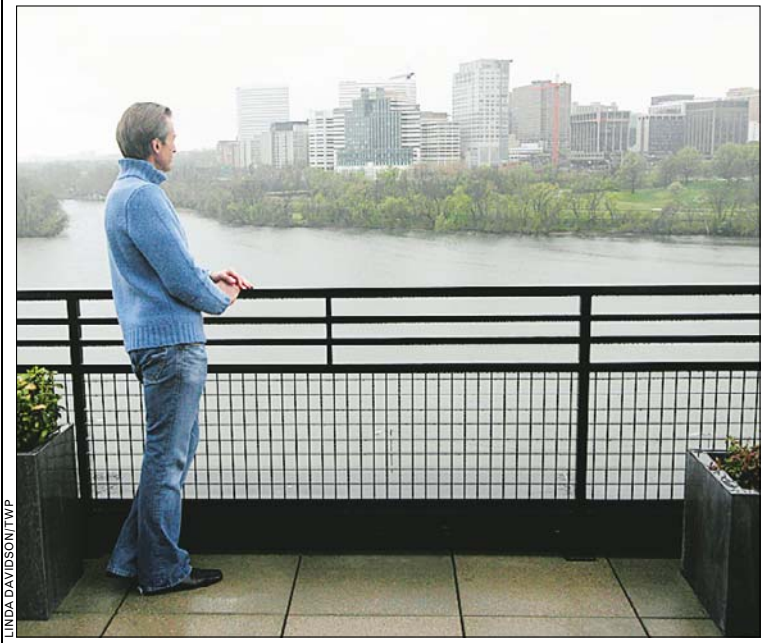

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Miami Beach full-timer and Georgetown part-timer Mark Goode surveys the Potomac River and Rosslyn from his condominium building on Water Street NW.

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Association of Realtors. That's up from 36 percent in 2004 and 33 percent in 2003.

Vacation homes, for use primarily by their owners, made up a third of those second-home purchases. Generally, pied-à-terres would be lumped into this category. The rest were investment properties.

The market for the latter, most economists agree, will cool drastically in 2006 as interest rates tick up and the double-digit gains in home values seen in the past five years come to an end. On the other hand, David Lereah, chief economist for the trade group, and others say sales of vacation homes will remain strong, and possibly cushion market downturns. Vacation home sales were up 17 percent in 2005 from the previous year, to a record 1.02 million properties, the report said. The median price — half cost more and the rest less — for vacation homes was $204,100. For investment properties, it was $183,500.

Washington, of course, is hardly the vacation-home destination for out-of-towners in search of high surf or powdery snow. Still, some real estate agents say, suburban sprawl and urban revitalization have made pied-à-terres an increasingly attractive option for workers with long commutes or those who spend part of their week in the nation's capital.

Such second homes range from multimillion-dollar penthouses for the diplomat-and-executive set to bare-bones crash pads for young doctors, lobbyists or politicians with irregular work hours or families in different time zones.

Auerbach, a Washington native who moved to California 28 years ago, decided to purchase her second home around the corner from her father's house in the District after he became ill last fall.

After two months, she found a one-bedroom condo near American University. It wasn't anything fancy, only worth about a third of her longtime home in L.A., which she values at more than $1 million. But she liked that she could walk to movie theaters and restaurants, but also to parks and tree-shaded streets. "That's the beauty of D.C.," she said. "It's just perfect for my second place. It's made me realize how much I love the city."

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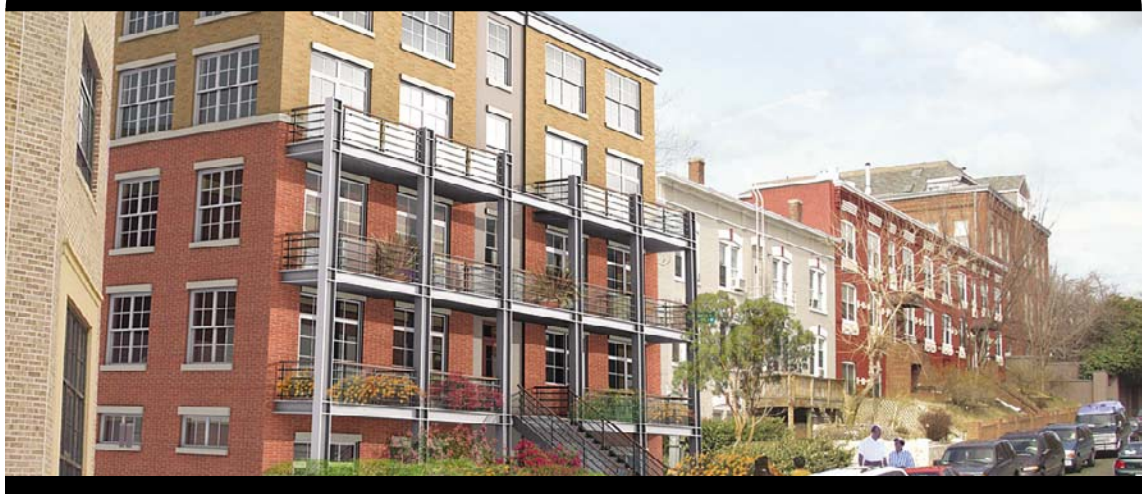

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ed was a peaceful place to come home to. "It's just nice not to have to pack and unpack, to be able to get off the plane and be in your own bed at night," said Goode, who used to stay in hotels during his twice-weekly trips to Washington.

So Goode, 45, whose primary residence is in Miami Beach, has been testing out a two-bedroom, 2 ½-bath unit in Georgetown. The location was a big draw — it's just two blocks from his office. Besides, Goode said, he has dreamed of living in Georgetown ever since he was stationed as a captain at the Marine Barracks in Southeast Washington in the early 1990s.

Babak Fouladi of London spends less time in Washington — about 10 weeks a year. But he became convinced that buying a second home here was a sound financial and lifestyle investment after seeing neighborhoods transform.

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"Every time I come here, I see the city booming," said Fouladi, 37, an information technology director for Ericsson. "It makes more economical sense for me to actually have a house here. I really enjoy the new neighborhoods."

So he put money down on a $400,000 one-bedroom unit on Massachusetts Ave., scheduled for delivery next year. It's a neighborhood, Fouladi said, that didn't exist when he was a student at George Washington, from which he graduated in 1993.

Fouladi and his wife, a fashion designer who also travels to D.C. on business, want to give the condo a modern decor — something different from their two-bedroom flat in London. And when it's finished, Fouladi looks forward to spending weekends here, instead of rushing to the airport after Friday meetings.

"I really want to make this city my second home," he said. TOMOEH MURAKAMI TSE (WASHINGTON POST)

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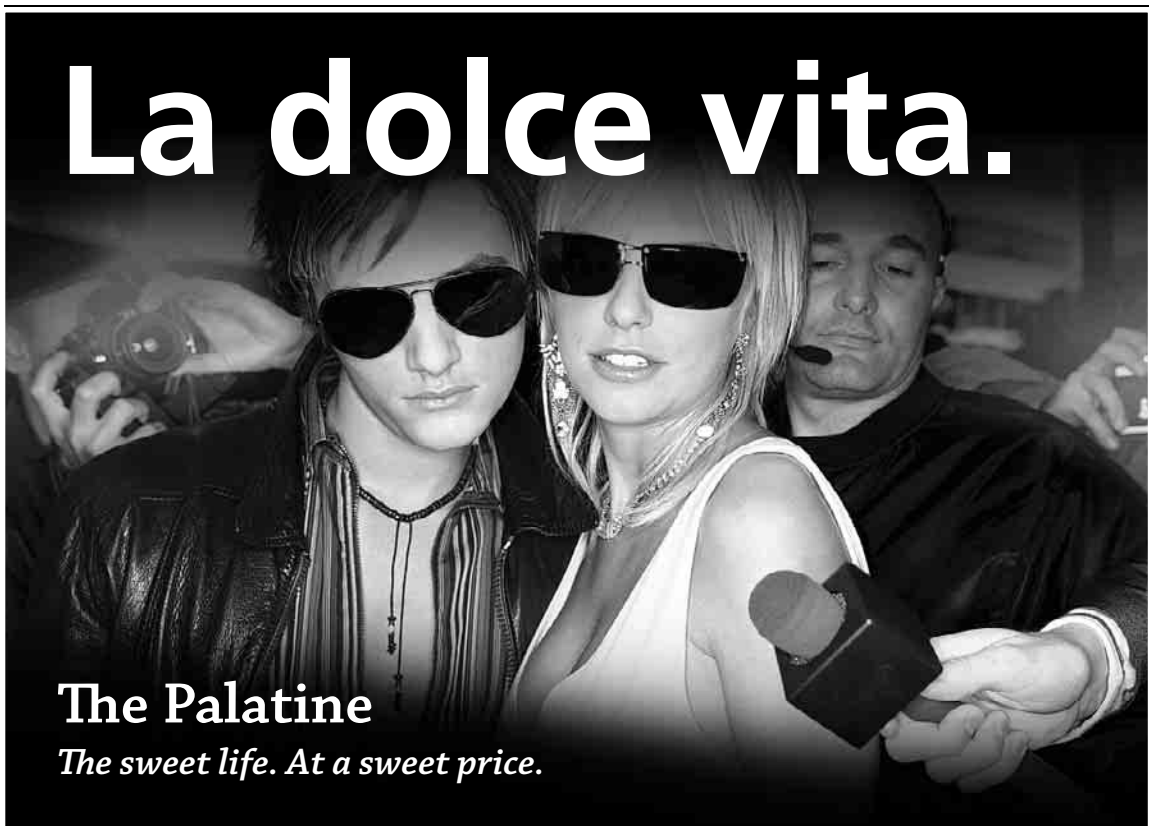

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Every week, the Washington Post **HOME STAFF** talks about various ways to improve your home. Find out about new trends, upcoming antiques shows and a variety of how-to help.

I'm trying to locate brown-and-white houndstooth upholstery fabric to recover some dining chairs. Any suggestions?

Good timing, and good choice. Houndstooth is making a comeback. There are two big sales on. G Street Fabrics is having a big sale (301-231-8998). So is Discount Fabrics USA in Thurmont, Md. (discountfabricsusa.com). You might try surfing their Web site to see if they've got what you want.

I know it's preferable to buy a round tablecloth, but are there any good tricks to making one? I have a round coffee table that needs a cover, but I'm hesitant about trying to hem a round cloth for fear of it bunching up in one spot.

You could try ehow.com. We also called Ann Price Cooper of Table Manners (301-277-0582), who rents tablecloths to Washingtonians for all sorts of events. She says 90 percent of all party planners in D.C. prefer round cloths. Some like to put squares on top.

Bunching is a common problem when you sew your own cloths and you make a hem. But a serged edge is the easiest way to go. A lot of sewing machines have that capability, according to Ann. The most popular colors this spring for cloths: lime green and tangerine.

Does your home expertise run into the cleaning realm? Someone recently told me that we're not supposed to wash our Pergo floors with water. Is this true? What cleaning solution or method do you recommend. We recently bought a house (after moving from D.C.) here on the Cape, and we're glad to have the Pergo flooring, but didn't realize it might require a certain cleaning method.

I have Pergo and I use water. We just went to pergo.com for the skinny on cleaning this fabulous flooring. For general cleaning, they suggest using a dust mop and vacuuming with hard floor attachment. Wipe with a damp cotton or cloth mop.

For heavier cleaning, the Web site suggests using the company's own Pergo Floor Cleaner (of course). And for those preferring the Heloise, DIY method, they suggest a solution of one cup vinegar to one gallon of warm water or even one-third cup of ammonia to one gallon of water. Please do not mix the ammonia and vinegar together — if nothing else, the smell will be overwhelming.

The worst stains can be removed with acetone — that would be nail polish remover — or denatured alcohol on a soft cloth. Do not use soap or detergent-based cleaners, wax-based polish or any type of polish on Pergo, or you will get the dreaded, dull, filmy residue.

Help! I am cleaning out the home of a deceased relative. There are antique furniture, lamps, silver, crystal and china and over a hundred bottles. We will keep a little, but need to sell much of it. Whom should I contact who is in the business of buying these types of objects?

> "Buy things from all over, not from one place. Add old things to new things for a stylish look."

We suggest you have an estate sale, executed by professionals. Look at ads for sales this weekend — usually starting on Fridays — and try and hit a couple of sales in your area and check out the companies having them. If things are priced right, clean and there are enough sales people around, pick up the company's business cards.

I am going to paint three of my walls in one room Cappuccino by Restoration Hardware, a taupe color. I'm painting one wall Garrison Red by Benjamin Moore. What should I do for curtains? I understand reds are very hard to

Pergo floors look perfect at first, but what to do when they get dirty? Home section editors say just wipe with a damp mop; Pergo pimps its own cleaners and tools.

match. Or is that not the point? Should I go dark brown, like my leather furniture? I'm thinking dark would be better than light.

Pale tan or cream curtains would be nice. Or how about a chocolate brown and cream stripe?

I have painters coming — yeah! Which paint color would you choose for a dining room with good light and a pale, cream-colored distressed elm table and chairs: Behr's Warm Nutmeg or SW's Smoky Topaz?

Warm Nutmeg is gorgeous.

How do I make my apartment have continuity without making it look too themey or showroomy?

What a great question. Pick a couple of base colors, then do a slightly offbeat color for a few accessories. Buy things all over, not all from one place. Add old things to new things.

Can you recommend restaurant-supply stores in the area? I'm looking specifically for dishes, but am generally interested in seeing what else they have.

Try Adams-Burch (1901 Stanford Ct., Landover, Md.; 301-341-1600) or Best Supply, right off Florida Ave. (413 Morse St. NE; 202-544-2525 or 202-365-1818).

Also check out fishseddy.com, which specializes in American diner china and sturdy dinnerware.

Here's a way to make a round tablecloth. Fold your fabric in half then half again to make a square. Then fold once more, placing one folded edge over the other folded edge. This will give you a pie-slice shape. Take a yardstick, and measure half the diameter of your table top and however much you want as a drop-plus hem. Mark from one fold to the other every few inches and then carefully cut along them. Unfold and ta-da — you have your round! Hemming is easy by machine or hand.

We LOVE people who know how to sew. Many thanks!

When is the best time of year, in terms of bargains and sales, to hit the outlets down in Hickory, N.C.?

Well, there are major wholesale furniture markets down there in April and October, so we would

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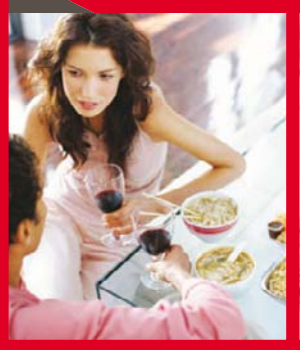

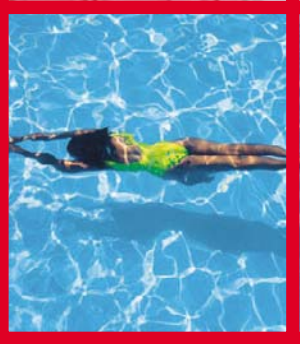

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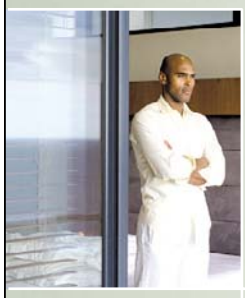

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guess May and November would make a lot of sense. Samples would be on sale then.

Oh wise ones, can you recommend someone (preferably in Maryland) who can repair antique furniture? My mother has an oak dresser that was her grandmother's which has become unglued and warped from poor storage conditions in soggy Santa Cruz! I'd like the repair to be a birthday present.

We know people who are happy with American Hardwood (9160 Brookville Rd., Silver Spring, Md.; 301-588-0363).

Not a paint question! I have a kind of gross question, on a topic that is home-related but isn't usually addressed in this chat. What is the best product to remove cat urine from a carpet? We have tried pretty much everything they sell at the vet's and PetSmart. Nothing seems to work. Is there anything online that I could order? Our beautiful area rug from Pottery Barn has been befouled, and we are desperate!

We love our kitties but they are naughty! My sister Sig has two adorable Siamese cats who went WILD in her house peeing on her fab furniture when they were on a long vacation. She bought a product that she told me was amazing. Go to odormedic.com. They say they don't cover up odors, they eliminate them. Worth a try!

My bathroom is so tiny you can barely turn around in it, and the past owner of my condo painted it blood brown! Ick! The other colors I'm using in the kitchen and dining room are warm — red brick, orange and a little bit of yellow. What paint color would look the least claustrophobic?

Brown is our LEAST favorite color for a bathroom. Yuck. We suggest peachy or coral colors.

I want to take advantage of the G Street sale to have some curtains made. I want flat, tab-top drapes that I plan never to close. The window is about 100 inches wide, and they make them to 1.5 fullness. Would it look skimpy to make them wide enough to only cover 32 inches on each side of the window when closed?

It would look skimpy. And you don't want skimpy. Ask the people at G Street. You're already saving money; don't scrimp on the look.

My eyes are bigger than my living room! If I purchase furniture — wooden things like bookshelves and tables — in similar shades of dark brown, do the styles HAVE to match? I don't mean Mission with Baroque. I see so many pieces I just love, but they are not the same styles.

No. No. No. They do not have to match.

I was wondering where you stand on mirrored closet doors? I live in a condo in Arlington, and it seems that everyone who has renovated has installed mirrored closet doors in the bedrooms. I understand that mirrors give the illusion of a larger room, but I think the mirrors look kind of tacky. Am I crazy, or am I the only one out here that doesn't want wall to wall mirrors next to their bed?

We're with you. Tacky.

I live in an apartment, and I'm not allowed to paint the walls. But the drab white walls and beige carpet are depressing. I was thinking of ways to add color. I thought of either getting a large piece of fabric or wallpaper and stretching it over a frame or painting floor-to-ceiling bookcases to make a "wall of color."

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Bookcases filled with books or collections are a good idea. You can put colorful rugs over wall-to-wall carpeting.

I was thinking of buying my mother a quilt. I vaguely remember hearing that there was a nice quilt store in the D.C. area. Where might it be?

Try Vienna Quilt Shop (396 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-281-4091). They sell Amish quilts.

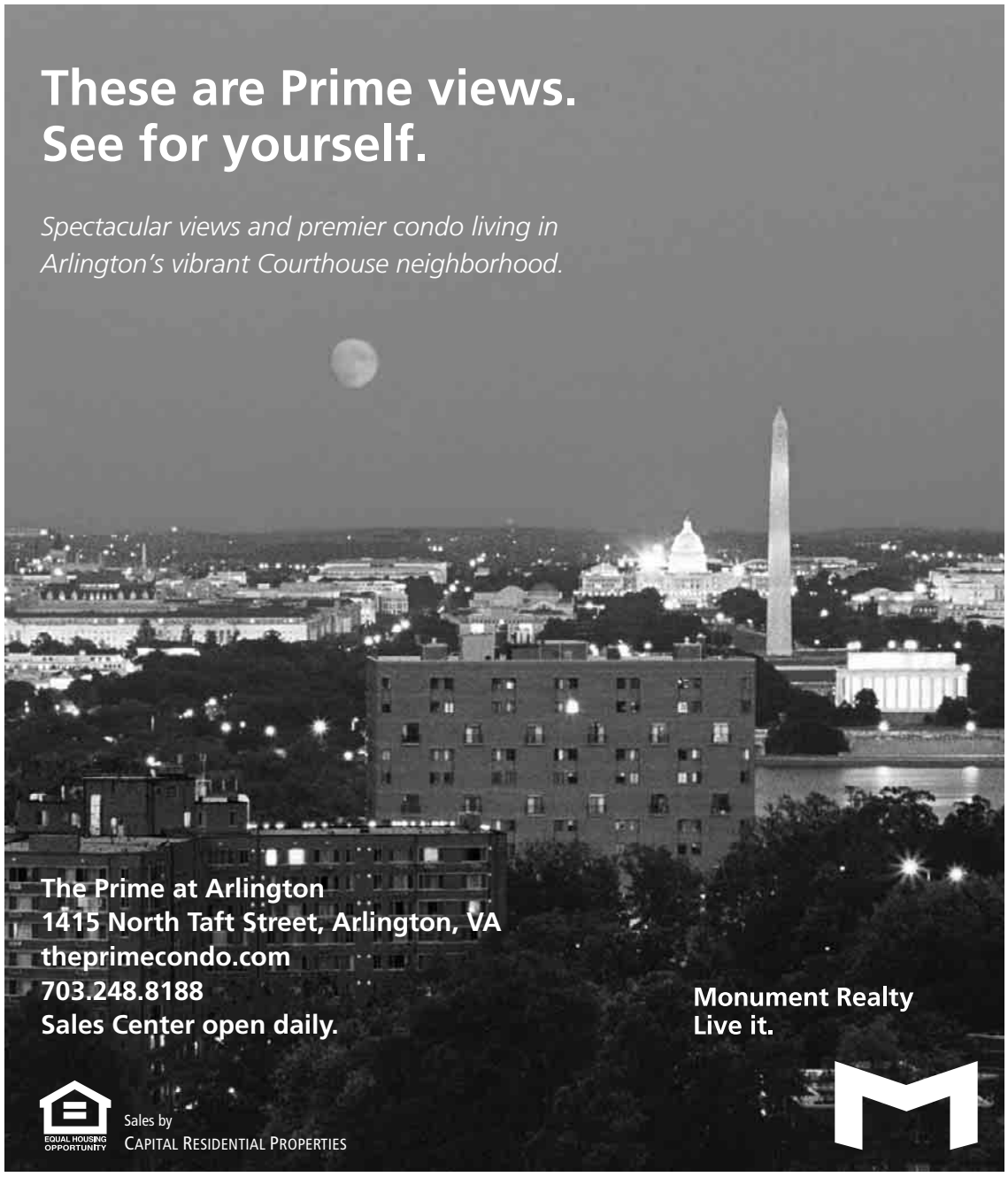
Local company Table Manners rents tablecloths for parties small and large. The pictured linens were used at a recent black-tie at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Desperately need your help! In our living room, we are thinking about painting the inside molding of our Palladium windows a shiny black, to go with other pieces in the room. The walls are Benjamin Moore's Carlisle Cream (a soft tan) and the window blinds are white wood. Would the black around the windows make the room seem darker?

No, we don't think black is a good idea. White is the best way to go.

We have little gold-and-copper specs in our kitchen granite countertops, contrasted against cream cabinets. Any suggestions how to bring out the metallic touches?

Home appliance manufacturers like KitchenAid are making lots of tabletop electronics like mixers and blenders in copper. They would look great in your room.



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